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ELECTION SHOCK FOR GOVERNMENT

Many Conservatives Stay Away From Poll

London, To-day.

Results of the by-elections in Walsall, Doncaster and Bridgwater are being awaited with the keenest expectancy in political quarters, as the possibility of an early general election hinges on the voting.

Reports from Walsall, which polled yesterday, have encouraged the Opposition to believe that they may capture the seat from the Government as they indicate that many Conservatives, disagreeing with the policy of compromising with Hitler, refused to exercise their votes.

This attitude leading to large abstentions from voting, in harmony with the policy of the Conservative Opposition in the Commons, is regarded as more dangerous to the Government than the ability of the Labourites to swing voters in their favour.

Similar reports have come through from election agents in Doncaster, which polls to-day. Mr. Alexander Monteith (Liberal National) is opposing Mr. John Morgan (Labour) in this constituency, and the voters have been heckling Mr. Monteith on the issue of whether there is to be any bargaining by Government with Herr Hitler over Colonies.

TORY PARTY RESIGNED

The miniature "general election" proceeding is being fought almost wholly on foreign policy, and at Conservative Party headquarters there is increasing conviction that Mr. Chamberlain will be compelled to go to the country soon after Christmas.

HUGE OPIUM HAUL ON SHIP FROM HONG KONG

Brooklyn (N.Y.), To-day.

Treasury officials announce the seizure on board the British freighter "Silveryew" of eleven sacks containing 850 five-tael tins of smoking opium valued at U.S. $255,000.

The Chinese second boatswain, Tsin Ho-zon, was arrested, while the captain, first mate, chief engineer and five Chinese members of the crew were taken by Customs officials to headquarters for questioning.—Reuter.

ARMY HIGHSPEED PATROL BOAT HITS NAVAL BUOY IN HARBOUR

It is revealed that the War Department Motor Coastal Patrol Boat, Widgeon, was involved in an accident this week when it struck a Naval buoy when travelling across the harbour, and sustained material damage to its bow.

A very powerful vessel built somewhat on the same lines as the Royal Air Force tenders, the Widgeon is, at the moment, on the slips at the Royal Army Service Corps Camber, undergoing repairs.

This is the second accident in which the Widgeon has been involved, the first having occurred when, at high speed she grazed a fast motorboat from the Aircraft Carrier Eagle. Neither was seriously harmed.

The accident which put the Widgeon out of commission occurred in pitch darkness when the craft, which is capable of about 37 knots, was travelling at a fair speed. She just avoided head on collision with the buoy. She struck the side and her bows were smashed in.

SOVIET VIEW OF POGROM

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

DENOUNCING THE "FASCIST POGROM MAKERS" THE NEWSPAPER "PRAVDA" ASSERTS THAT GERMANY'S ANTI-JEW DRIVES ARE THE RESULT OF A "HOPELESS SITUATION IN THE REGIME."

The paper says that the Tsarist Government resorted to pogroms in order to divert the attention of the masses from politics, and the German Fascists are repeating this practice in still more brutal form.

The journal declares that the trade and finances of Germany are experiencing unprecedented difficulties owing to the heavy war burden.

The pogroms, the paper concludes, did not save the Tsarist monarchy and will not save German Fascism.—Reuter.

SHACKLETON'S MEN COMING TO H.K.

Two men who accompanied the late Sir Ernest Shackleton on some of his expeditions to the Antarctic, are due to arrive in Hong Kong soon.

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Sir Robert Craigie And Mr. Grew In Touch

London, To-day.

Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston) put two questions in the House of Commons yesterday about the American note to Japan on October 6 with reference to American rights in the Far East.

Firstly, Mr. Moreing asked whether the Government had notified Japan that it is in agreement with this note.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in a written reply, referred Mr. Moreing to the answer given on November 10.

Mr. Butler added: "I am satisfied that the Japanese Government is fully aware of the attitude of the Government."

The second question was whether the Government, with reference to the note, had signified to the United States Government their desire to co-operate in maintaining the policy of the open door.

IN NO DOUBT

Mr. Butler stated that our Ambassador in Tokyo had been "in constant touch" with his American colleague, and he (Mr. Butler) did not think the United States Government could be "in any doubt" of Britain's policy in regard to the open door.—Reuter.

BRITAIN NOT CONSULTED

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, said that Britain had not been consulted regarding the new frontier between Hungary and Czecho-Slovakia.

Asked if Britain would guarantee the frontier, in demarcation of which she had not taken part, Mr. Butler said that a further statement on behalf of the Government would be made at a later date.—Reuter.

ELEVEN DIE IN YAUMATI FIRE

Eight children between the ages of two and ten, one woman and one man, were found burned to death by the Fire Brigade after a fire in Yaumati was brought under control at an early hour this morning.

The fire occurred at No. 227, Shanghai Street, near Wing Sing Street, the ground floor of which was occupied by medicine dealers with dwelling on the upper floors.

This three-storeyed building was severely damaged as well as a part of the next house, No. 229, was also destroyed.

Nine were injured, several seriously as a result of jumping from an upper storey, and one has since died bringing the deathroll to eleven.

TOKYO TACTICS BEING CLOSELY WATCHED

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, gave another of his non-committal replies in the House of Commons yesterday to questions on China put by Mr. I. C. Hannah (Conservative, Bilston).

Mr. Hannah asked whether the Government was aware that British trade in North China was still held up by the continued imposition of inconvertible paper currency by the Japanese,

Whether any action had been taken by the Japanese to permit resumption of normal credit facilities, and if not, what action the Government was taking.

Mr. Butler replied that the Government was aware of the position and was "keeping it closely watched." — Reuter.

FOUR MONTHS AND STILL TALKING

London, To-day.

Discussions are still continuing with regard to the restoration to the Shanghai Municipal Council of Hongkew and Yangtsepoo, said the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler was replying to a question by Commander A. Marsden (Conservative, Chertsey) on what had been the results of the representations made by the British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie.

These representations had been made four months ago, on July 18.

Mr. Butler said he was unable to make any statement at present.

Commander Marsden, in a suplementary question, asked whether any advance had been made at all.

Mr. Butler repeated his previous answer, and added that he realised the urgency of the matter. — Reuter.

The English Discussion Club of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. will have a speech night on Friday at 8 p. m. The speaker is Prof. S. Lautenshlager, Prof, of Political Science of Lingnan University. His topic will be "Japanese Aggression and Chinese Resistance."

Joint Defence Measures For American Continent

New York, To-day.

It is believed that President Roosevelt and the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, will discuss the problems of defence and refugees after signing the United States trade pact with Canada to-day, states a Washington report.

The discussion on defence will touch on the question of defending the whole American continent, it is understood, while the refugee talks will be on the basis of a long-term scheme for handling the problem.

In Ottawa, that part of President Roosevelt's utterance on Tuesday dealing with defence, is stated to be interpreted as indication that Canada might co-operate actively with the United States in a unified programme of air and coastal defence.—Reuter.

NOTE TAKEN IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in a Commons answer said that the Government in the United Kingdom had taken note of President Roosevelt's friendly reference on behalf of the United States to the Dominion of Canada, which was their neighbour, but no further communications had passed on the subject.—British Wireless.

BURMA-YUNNAN HIGHWAY TO BE OPEN SOON

London, To-day.

"It is hoped that an all-weather road from Lashio, Burma, to Yunnanfu, will be open to regular traffic shortly.

"The practicability of constructing a railway, is, I understand, being examined by the financial interests concerned."

This reply was given by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to a question in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Hamilton Kerr (Conservative, Oldham).

Mr. Kerr asked the Prime Minister whether, in view of Japan's action in "hampering foreign trade carried on by sea on the east of China," the Government would pay increased attention to the importance of railway communication between Burma and South-West China.

FREE FROM INTERFERENCE

The questioner wanted to know if the Government would "cooperate with the Chinese Government," which now had the matter in hand in constructing both a road and railway which would carry British exports "free from Japanese interference."—Reuter.

PANAMA AND COMMON DEFENCE

Panama, To-day.

President Arosema has pledged the support of Panama towards a common defence policy on the American continent propounded by President Roosevelt.

The Panaman President stated: "The attitude of the people of Panama is completely in favour of the proposal to organise common defence for the American continent against aggression or threat of aggression from other continents."

He added that Panama's delegates to the Pan-American Conference at Lima would receive instructions to support any movement to put the plan into effect.—Reuter.

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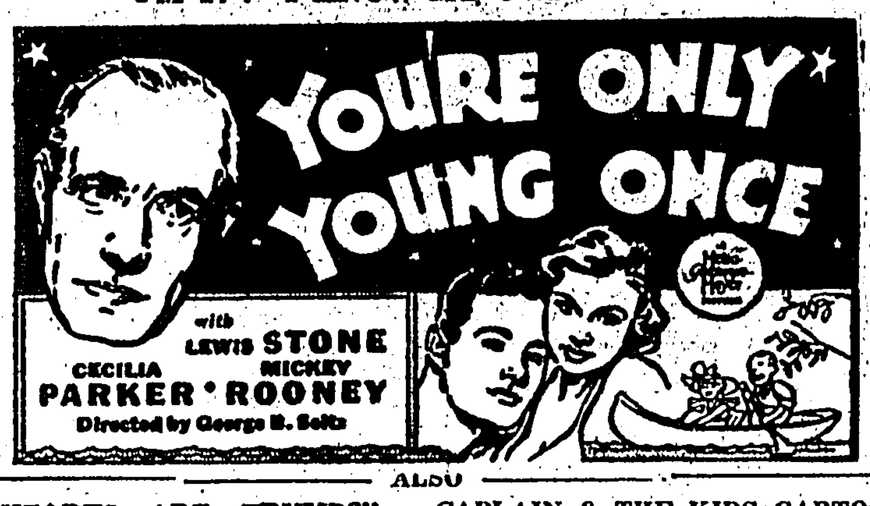

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EVICTION CASE DEFENCE PLEA FAILS

INTERESTING ARGUMENT AS TO WHETHER PREMISES USED AS A SHOP BUT LIVED IN BY MASTER AND HIS FOKIS CAN BE TERMED A DWELLING HOUSE AND BE THUS PROTECTED UNDER THE PREVENTION OF EVICTIONS ORDINANCE, WAS HEARD AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING BY MR. JUSTICE LINDSELL.

Plaintiff was Mrs. Lai Shick-yu, represented by Mr. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. F. E. Nash, who claimed possession of 54, Des Voeux Road, ground floor with mesne profits, and defendants were the World Wardrobe and Cabinet Manufacturing Co., represented by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherton Russ.

Onus being on defendants to establish whether or not the premises were a dwelling place, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy called Chan Yat-ming, managing partner of the defendant company.

Witness said that he took over the premises on February 2, 1937 and since then had lived in the cockloft. His six fokis occupied the ground floor in front of the shop and slept on camp beds which were set up every evening at the conclusion of the day's work and removed before the shop opened in the morning.

RENT INCREASE

Witness stated that his landlady was the wife of a former Chinese Government official now resident in Wong Nei-chong Road. Between March 2 and March 11, he visited the shop and told witness that if he wished to stay on he would have to pay increased rental to the extent of $40.

Witness made a counter-offer but eventually agreed to pay the $40 increase, which fact he notified by letter.

No reply was received but in due course notice to quit arrived. Witness then went to see plaintiff's husband, who told him that he could have two months in which to move.

Cross-examined by Mr. Macnamara, witness admitted that he had been informed by his solicitor that it was illegal to live in the cockloft as it did not comply with the Building Ordinance. Prior to that, he had had no idea that it was an offence.

The next witness, Chan Ping-yuen, accountant of the defendant company gave evidence of having lived on the premises.

COUNSEL'S ARGUMENT

Mr. Fitzroy submitted that, on the evidence, he had established that the building was a dwelling house. He quoted sections of the ordinance which stated that if a single bed-space was used, the building came within the terms of the ordinance, which added that application of the Ordinance should not be excluded by part of the premises being used as a shop or place of business.

Counsel quoted numerous authorities to support his case and maintained that the fact that his client was committing a breach of the law did not alter the fact that the premises used as a dwelling house by seven men, was a dwelling house within the meaning of the word and as laid down by eminent authorities.

Mr. Macnamara submitted that he had no case to answer. There was no question, he said, of any part of the shop being used as a separate letting for domestic use.

WIDE LOOPHOLE

Counsel maintained that if the Court found for defendants it would be giving judicial sanction to a practice which legislation had seen fit to find objectionable.

Going further, Mr. Macnamara said that if the definition of dwelling house was to be so loosely used it might be said that every building in Hong Kong, provided a bed was erected in it and one person slept in it, could be so described.

Giving judgment, His Lordship said: I find in substance that the tenants having admitted the point taken by Mr. Macnamara that there was a breach of the law, cannot take that breach to convert the premises which were essentially a shop, into a dwelling and thus claim protection under the Prevention of Evictions Ordinance.

His Lordship ordered that possession be given within 28 days with mesne profits to the date of surrendering possession.

$400 IN FINES IN GAMBLING CASE

REVENUE OF THE COLONY BENEFITED TO THE EXTENT OF MORE THAN $400 AS THE RESULT OF A GAMBLING RAID CARRIED OUT BY SUB-INSPECTOR RITCHIE LAST NIGHT AT NO. 17, CHUNG STREET.

At the Central Magistracy, this morning 5 persons were charged with gambling. Some 43 failed to answer their names and their bail of $5 each was estreated, while the remaining 11 were each fined $2.

Two assistants were each fined $50 while the principal tenant of the flat was fined $100.

The poor box received the $29.38 picked up on the premises. This amount would have been greater if the police had not been forced to break the door down, giving time for a large amount of the stake money to be picked up by the gamblers.

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Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine.

"DAILY MAIL" GIVES OSTENSIBLE DETAILS OF SO-CALLED PIROW PLAN

London, To-day.

Mr. Oswald Pirow, the South African Minister of Defence, is said by the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Mail" to be taking with him to Germany a so-called "Pirow Plan" in which an offer is made to the Reich of extensive African colonial territory as well as economic advantages.

The territory itself is said to be a compact part of the fertile equatorial coast of West Africa. It will embrace a part of the Cameroons (owned by Britain and France), part of Angola (Portuguese territory) and also a strip of Belgian Congo territory.

Apart from the excellent coast, this territory will have a rich and varied hinterland with a peaceful and scattered population of bush negroes.

Raw materials are said to be available in abundance.

Moreover the Pirow Plan proposes, says the "Daily Mail," formation by the European colonial powers of a common colonial pool with an international board of control.

ECONOMIC PLANS

Mr. Pirow intends, adds the London paper, to negotiate with Dr. Walter Funk, the German Minister of Economics, regarding the extension of trade between Germany and the South African Union.

Mr. Pirow is said to be desirous of purchasing commercial aeroplanes in Germany or America whilst he is getting England to supply war planes.

Mr. Pirow, asserts the diplomatic correspondent, is going to Germany with a clear insight into the policy of appeasement which Downing Street wishes to be applied to the colonial question.

His first proposal will be that Germany should forget about its former protectorates and express itself willing to back the idea of an international conference to discuss every aspect of the Pirow plan.

France and Belgium would be prepared to lend support to this conference provided Germany does not set its demand too high.

TIMES COMMENT

"The Times" in a leading article headed "Germany and Africa" likewise deals with the colonial problem and the prospects of reaching a settlement.

The writer merely confines himself to the suggestion that Germany should be asked to participate in a joint colonial undertaking in those parts of Africa where the races are still awaiting European guidance. This ideal solution is not attainable at the present moment but will have to be kept in mind as an ultimate goal.—Trans-Ocean.

SIX-POWER TALK ON JEWISH PROBLEM

London, To-day.

That at the instigation of the Netherlands' Premier, Dr. Colijn, discussions have begun between six European powers and the United States with the end in view of regulating the Jewish problem, is confirmed here by the morning press.

England is already conferring with the United States, France and Holland, Prime Minister Chamberlain and Lord Halifax having both discussed the situation with the diplomatic representatives of these three powers.

The fact that the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, held a long conference yesterday with the British Secretary of State for Dominions, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, is believed to indicate that definite plans are being considered for admitting German Jews to the British Empire.

Importance is also attached to a conversation which took place yesterday between the Australian High Commissioner in London, Mr. Bruce, and the Secretary of State for Colonies, Mr. Macdonald.

Discussions also taking place at the present moment between members of the International Refugees Commission in London of which Lord Winterton is Chairman.

"The Times" hints that consideration is being given to the plan for settling Jews in British Guinea and Brazil. — Trans-Ocean.

GRAVE TURN

London, To-day.

It is understood that in view of the new and graver turn which the refugee problem has taken as a result of recent events in Germany, urgent consideration is being given to the proposal for an early meeting in London of the four vice-chairmen of the continuing Committee of inter-Governmental meeting at Evian, together with the chairman, who is Lord Winterton.

Reuter adds it is understood that approaches have been made to Germany by the countries represented on the committee regarding the possibility of a visit to Germany by the director of the organisation established after the Evian Conference.

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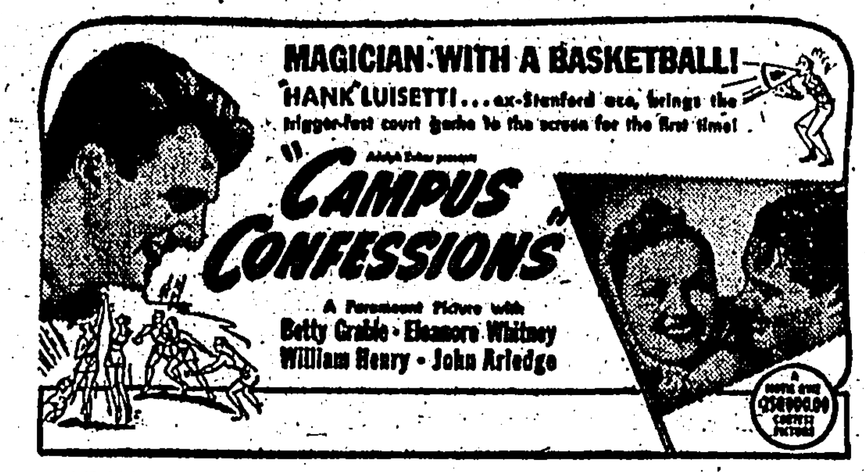

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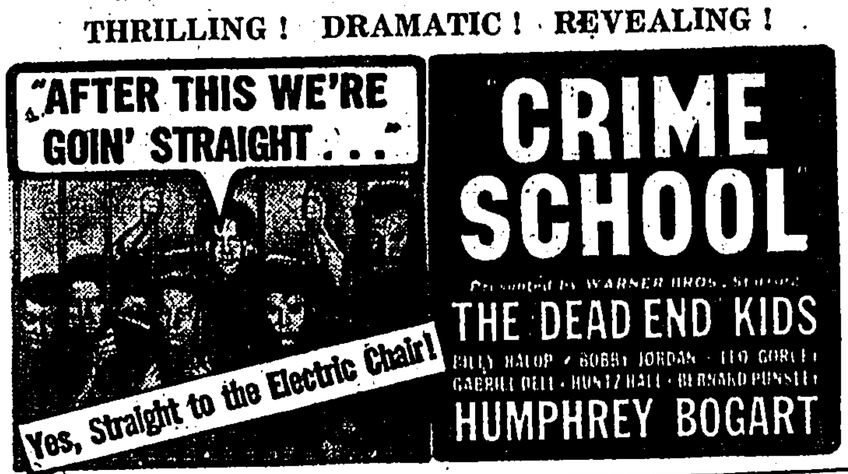

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ANGLO-AMERICAN PACT SIGNATURE TO-DAY

Washington, To-day.

The United States' trade agreement with Britain and Canada will be signed at the White House at 9 p.m. (G.M.T.) to-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary, will sign for the United States, Sir Ronald Lindsay (the Ambassador) for Britain, and Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, for the Dominion.

Details of both agreements, which are expected to include hundreds of tariff concessions, will be announced for publication on Friday morning.

The Anglo-American Agreement will be published simultaneously in Washington and London.

The British agreement will be accompanied by a note from the British Government expressing willingness to discuss with the United States the possibility of further tariff reductions on American exports after Britain has been released from some of the obligations under the Ottawa Agreement.

WIDE FIELD

The State Department announces that the agreement with Britain includes Northern Ireland, the British colonies and British possessions in Latin America.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Negotiations for an Anglo-American trade agreement have been successfully concluded and the agreement will be signed in Washington to-day.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, amid cheers.

ON JANUARY 1

Mr. Stanley added that most of the Agreement would come into force on January 1.

He understood that an agreement between the United States and Canada would be signed simultaneously.—Reuter.

PRINCE BERNHARD IN POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, accompanied by his brother, Prince Aschwin of Lippe-Biesterfeld, arrived at Iwno, estate of the Polish Count Mielzynski, for a shooting party.

Princess Juliana, who is with her daughter, Princess Beatrix, at present at Reckenwalde, estate of the Lippe family in East Germany, is expected to join her husband at Iwno.—Trans-Ocean.

BANKS RETIRING FROM PANAMA

Panama, To-day.

The Royal Bank of Canada, one of three foreign banks in the Republic of Panama, will begin to-day to return deposits preparatory to retiring its business from Panama.

The action is the outcome of the new Banking Law signed by President Arosema on October 26.

The law requires foreign banks to invest 20 per cent. of their total deposits in guaranty bonds which were to be issued to the total value of $6,000,000.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT'S CRITICISM OF GERMANY

Washington, To-day.

It is stated at the White House that President Roosevelt's statement regarding Germany's treatment of minorities, applies to Catholics as well as Jews.

President Roosevelt, it will be recalled, had stated "I myself could scarcely believe such things could occur in 20th Century civilisation."

Mr. Stephen Early, the President's press secretary, stated that Mr. Roosevelt's statement was treated by the press as rather an unusually firm statement regarding the Jews, but it referred to the Catholic situation in Germany as well.

MEASURES AGAINST CATHOLICS

Mr. Early added that the statement was intended to cover the stoning of Cardinal Innitzer's Palace in Vienna and the measures against Catholics, who, Mr. Early said, had been mistreated in other parts of Germany.—Reuter.

ADVANCE ON CHANGSHA CONTINUING

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese advance on Changsha is continuing, with two columns striking southwards, first of which is following the railway from Yochow while the second is progressing along the Tungcheng-Changsha highway east of the railway.

Next objectives of these columns are Sinshih, about ten kilometres east of the railway line, which will be attacked by the first column, while the second column will attack Pingkiang, about fifty kilometres east of the railway.

Both towns are situated on the Mi River and both are about halfway to Changsha from Yochow and Tungcheng respectively, the remaining distance in each case about seventy kilometres.

Fires are still raging in Changsha and are now spreading to the north gate, where foreign missionary property is situated.

There are still a number of foreigners in Changsha, including thirty Germans, mostly missionaries, also several businessmen, including representatives of I. G. Farben. — Trans-Ocean.

CONSIDERABLE EXCITEMENT AROUSED IN TANGANYIKA

Definite Statement On Colonies By Whitehall

Not Considering Transfers To Germany

Dar-es-Salaam, To-day.

Considerable excitement has been aroused here by reports of a meeting of the Tanganyika League (formed to combat return of the territory to Germany).

At the meeting, Dr. S. B. Malik, Indian member of the Tanganyika Council, read with the authority of the Governor, a communique issued by Sir Mark Young.

The Governor in the communique referred to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's negative reply to a question in the House of Commons whether the Government was contemplating transfer of the territory on any terms.

The Governor added that Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Dominions and Colonial Secretary, had now authorised him to state that Mr. Chamberlain's answer is to be understood as meaning that His Majesty's Government are not contemplating transfer of any territories under British administration.—Reuter.

STATEMENTS STAND

In reply, Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, referred Mr. Mander to the reply given by Mr. Chamberlain on Nov. 10.

Mr. Mander asked for a specific answer to the latter part of his question in regard to a general settlement.

Sir John Simon answered that the statements that had been made on that subject certainly stand. — Reuter.

FRANCE NOT CEDING COLONIES

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, yesterday re-affirmed that no colonial cessions had ever been or would be contemplated by France.

M. Daladier also denied that the question of colonies would be discussed at the meeting of French Ministers next week with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary. — Reuter.

NOT SO SPECIFIC IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

Once again the Government has been challenged to state definitely whether or not colonies will be handed back to Nazi Germany, and in the House of Commons yesterday the Government spokesman again referred the question back to previous statements.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal, Wolverhampton) asked the Prime Minister what action he proposed to take in reference to the demand for return of colonies advanced by Hitler at Godesberg.

Mr. Mander asked whether Mr. Chamberlain would give an assurance that it is still the policy of the Government that the matter will only be considered as part of a general settlement.

ISSUE MUCH IN PROMINENCE

London, To-day.

British policy as regards colonies was much in prominence at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Dominions and Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, dealing with representations from Tanganyika, said a telegram had been sent to the Governor authorising him to announce that the Prime Minister had given an answer the previous day to the effect that the British Government did not contemplate the transfer of any territory under British administration.. (Loud cheers).

GERMAN ACTIVITIES

The position and activities of German planters in Tanganyika was raised when Mr. M. P. Price (Opposition Labour) asked whether Mr. Macdonald was aware that German planters were heavily subsidised by the Reich Government and therefore were able to compete on unfair terms with the planters of other nationalities.

Mr. Price also asked whether the German Government credit was being used to purchase land from non-Germans, and generally the German community was becoming a totalitarian state within another state.

REQUEST TO GOVERNOR

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald said he was aware of statements recently made on this subject, and was asking the Governor to furnish him with the facts.

Asked whether this would include some information regarding the intensive Nazi propaganda proceeding in Tanganyika, Mr. Macdonald was understood to reply in the affirmative.—Reuter.

SMUGGLING IN NORTH CHINA

London, To-day.

Foreign Office information was that there has been an appreciable decrease in smuggling in North China, declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. R. A. Butler was replying to a question by Mr. H. Day (Labour, Central Southwark).—Reuter.

FRENCH MAKE ATTITUDE QUITE CLEAR

Paris, To-day.

The text of a communique issued yesterday defining the attitude of the French Government towards the colonial problem reads as follows:

"The French Government has not waited till now to announce its attitude to the colonial problem regarding which campaign has been in progress for some time past.

"Several weeks ago the French Government made it known that France would resist every attempt to diminish her colonial Imperium as settled at the end of the world war. Never has any session been considered nor will any be considered at any time.

No negotiations on this matter have ever been envisaged.

"The French Government renews the denial already issued against the false information according to which the colonial question would be discussed at the forthcoming British Minister deliberations." — Trans-Ocean.

POLITICAL UPSET IN FINLAND

Helsingfors, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Holsti, tendered his resignation yesterday and it is announced that he will return to his former post as Finnish Minister to Berne and chief delegate to the League.

Although the name of Mr. Holsti's successor has not yet officially been announced, it is generally believed that Professor Voionmaa, who belongs to the Social Democratic party, will be selected.

Only press comment on Mr. Holsti's resignation so far is that of "Ajan Najan Suunta," which writes that the Minister's withdrawal is attributable to a "policy wanting in neutrality," and to "tactlessness in his dealings with certain foreign states and with the heads of those states."—Trans-Ocean.

Wan Shing, of No. 10 Tai Hang, has reported the loss of his motor car, No. 2642, which was parked opposite the Alhambra Theatre, yesterday.

BRITAIN'S GUARANTEES TO PORTUGAL

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs replying to a Commons question, stated that the Government did not regard the secret Anglo-German Convention of 1898 regarding the Portuguese colonies as having any operative force to-day.

When his attention was called to the statement by the Prime Minister of Portugal on October 16, that Britain was pledged to defend the Portuguese colonies, he agreed that the declaration of October, 1899, renewing the Treaty of Alliance with Portugal as a guarantee of the Portuguese colonial possessions against attack, was still in force.

Mr. Butler added: "It has been frequently stated that the Government has always admitted, and still admits, the validity of treaties between themselves and Portugal." —British Wireless.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S STATEMENT

London, To-day.

A question submitted by the opposition in the House of Commons to force the Government to take up a definite attitude on the colonial question, was answered by the Chanceller of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon.

The question was whether the Government was prepared to give an assurance that no change in supremacy over any colonial territory should take place without the consent of the majority of the adult population of the colony in question.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer answered by reference to former declarations by Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Macdonald, according to which the Government is not considering the surrender of any territories now under British administration.

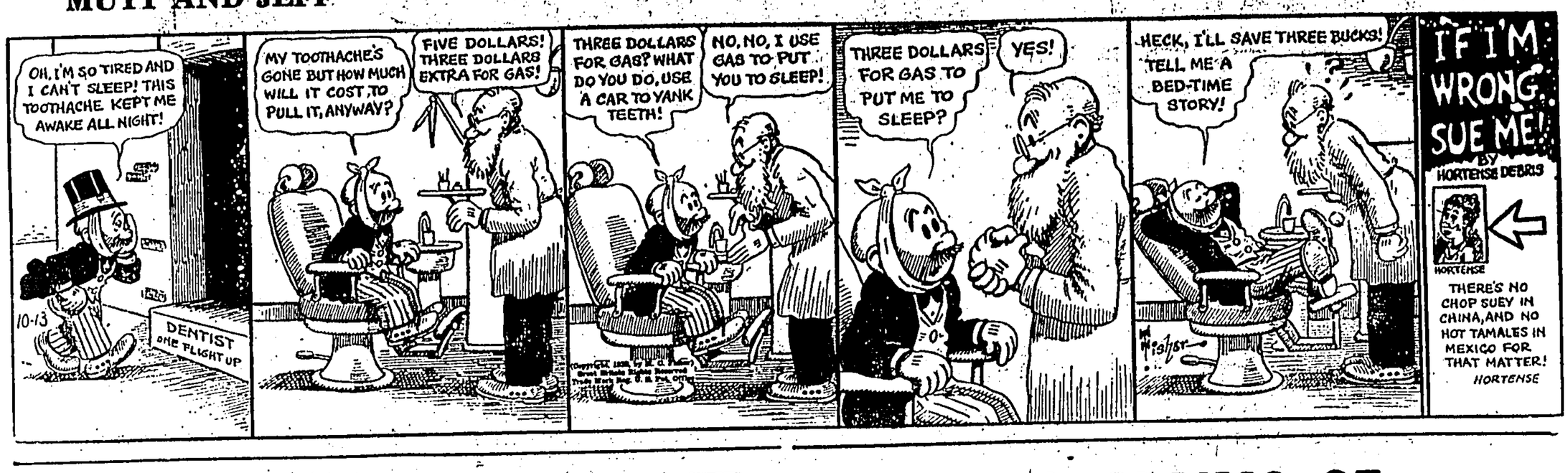
The views of the population of any territory, the surrender of which might in future be contemplated would, however, necessarily have to be given full consideration by the British Government.—Trans-Ocean.

ATTACKED BY DOGS

Sgt. Leigh, of Lyeemun Barracks, was admitted to the Bowen Road Hospital yesterday, with injuries to the left thigh, after being attacked by two dogs in Island Road yesterday. The dogs were seized and sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



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STARTLING CLAIMS OF IMMINENT CHINESE ATTACK ON CANTON: BOMB RAID

Chungking, To-day.

Having shattered the Japanese outer defences, Chinese forces are closing in on Canton and are ready to storm the city itself, according to military advices.

The main body of the Japanese troops, falling back from various directions, is reported to have retreated into the city. Over forty Japanese warships and transports are now transporting reinforcements to Canton for its defence.

After clearing up the Japanese remnants at Fatshan, the Chinese column advancing along the Canton-Samshui Railway is reported to have reached Shekwaitong, the eastern terminus of the Railway, which lies on the south bank of the Pearl River opposite Wongsha.

The spearhead of the Chinese column driving down along the Canton-Hankow Railway is now at Siuping, about seven miles from Canton.

Meanwhile, the Canton-Kowloon Railway has been cut at several places by the Chinese.

In the East River area, Tsungfa, Pokdo, Waichow, Tsengshing, Tamshui and Lungmoon are all reported recaptured after a series of attacks by regular and guerilla forces in close co-operation.

A squadron of Chinese planes yesterday morning heavily bombed the Japanese at Samshui, and Sainam on the West River, which are still held by the Japanese. Heavy damage is believed to have been done.

Fighting continues between Chinese and Japanese around Samshui, Sainam and Mahow. The Chinese are making determined attempts to remove the menace on the West River.—Central News.

NO CONFIRMATION

The report needs to be accepted with some reserve. No confirmation of the appearance of Chinese forces in the immediate vicinity of Canton is obtainable from independent sources, though small parties of Japanese have frequently been trapped and annihilated by guerillas operating close to Canton.

No big engagement of any kind has occurred, however, in the last three days, according to reliable foreign sources.

COMMANDER SECRET

While refusing to divulge the name of the Chinese commander and also what Chinese troops are participating in the attack on Canton, the spokesman at the press conference (adds Reuter) declared: "The Chinese commander and his troops are considered among the best in China."

Questioned as to the present whereabouts of General Yu Hanmou, Kwangtung Pacification Commissioner, the spokesman replied: "A fortnight ago General Yu was at Szehui, north-west of Samshui."

QUEEN MAUD OF NORWAY GRAVELY ILL

London, To-day.

King Haakon of Norway arrived in London yesterday afternoon, and a bulletin issued at about the same time and signed by five doctors, including Lord Dawson of Penn, states that Queen Maude, who has been in London for several days, was operated upon in the morning.

It adds: "Though Her Majesty has come through the operation well, the next few days cannot be without some anxiety."

King Haakon was met at Victoria by the Duke of Kent.—British Wireless.

ART EXHIBITION

The Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild are to present an Exhibition of Chinese Paintings by Miss Ling Po-kuen to-morrow at the St. John's Cathedral Hall, which will be continued until Monday. The exhibition hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on 18th and 19th, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the 20th and 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on the 21st.

ITALY REJOICES AT RECOGNITION OF EMPIRE

Anglo-Italian Pact Heralded As Parallel To Rome-Berlin Axis

ASSURANCE AGAINST NEW DIVERGENCIES

ROME, TO-DAY.

A FULL-PAGE HEADLINE WAS BLAZONED ON EVERY AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER IN ITALY YESTERDAY PROCLAIMING THAT "BRITAIN HAS RECOGNISED THE EMPIRE."

Signor Gayda, Mussolini's mouthpiece, writes that the Italian nation salutes the day which consecrated the rights and powers of its Empire.

The Anglo-Italian Pact runs parallel to but without altering the spirit and functions of the Rome-Berlin Axis and the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo triangle.

The Anglo-Italian Pact provisions apply to future as well as present questions, and should therefore be interpreted as an assurance against the possibilities of new divergencies between Italy and Britain.

Italy gives formal adhesion to the London Naval Agreement of 1936.

She is also preparing to participate in negotiations with the British and Egyptian Governments to regulate problems affecting Egypt and the Sudan.

She is also ready to negotiate trade relations between Italy and Britain. India and the British colonies.

NEW RELATIONS

"We may therefore hope that the new relations, freed from the hostile influences of third Powers and war parties, may restore one of the vital forces of peace and order in Europe and the world," concludes Signor Gayda.

The actual signing of the declaration bringing into force the Agreement was performed in a short but impressive ceremony.

Lord Perth, the British Ambassador, wearing evening dress, was conducted to the Victory Hall in the Palazzo Chigi, where he was met by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and other high officials of the Italian Foreign Office. while the Egyptian charge d'affaires was also in attendance.

LAKE TSANA AND SUEZ

Duplicate copies of the text of the declaration bringing the agreement into force were first signed by Count Ciano and then by Lord Perth, who then signed duplicate copies of a letter to the Egyptian charge d'affaires who will transmit the letter to his government.

The letter contains agreements concerning Lake Tsana and the Suez Canal.—Reuter.

CIANO'S THANKS

Rome, To-day.

When Count Ciano took the communication he expressed to Lord Perth and the British Government the appreciation of the Italian Fascist Government.—Reuter.

TEXT OF OFFICIAL DECLARATION

The text of the declaration read: With reference to the fact that on April 16, 1938, the Italian Government and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland signed a Protocol concerning matters of mutual interest and further with reference to the fact that the agreements and declaration attached to this Protocol and more particularly described there in, were signed on the above mentioned date by the plenipotentiaries of both Governments and finally that the protocol envisages that the documents mentioned should come into force at a date that the two Governments would determine by common agreement, the undersigned, duly authorised by their Governments, declare that the agreements and declarations mentioned in the aforementioned protocol will come into force this day."

VISIT TO IL DUCE

After the act of signature, which lasted only a few minutes, and which had been attended by a number of Italian and foreign journalists and camerament, Count Ciano and Lord Perth congratulated each other that the Anglo-Italian agreement had at last come into force and then took leave of each other with great cordiality.

Thereupon, the Italian Foreign Minister and the British Ambassador went to the Palazzo Venezia where they were received by Mussolini.—Trans-Ocean.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Ng Yau, 23, was sentenced to six months' imprionment by Mr. E. Himsworth and 10 strokes, for snatching the handbag of Mrs. V. Gilman in Cameron Road yesterday.

AUSTRALIA FOLLOWS SUIT

Canberra, To-day.

The Commonwealth will accord de jure recognition of incorporation of Abyssinia in the Italian Empire after implementation of the Anglo-Italian Agreement, stated Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Premier, in the House of Representatives yesterday.

Mr. Lyons added he hoped the agreement would revive Anglo-Italian friendship.

The Anglo-Italian Agreement came into force yesterday.—Reuter.

SIR ARCHIBALD AT CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, called on the Finance Minister, Dr. H. H. Kung, yesterday morning, and on the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, in the afternoon.

The Ambassador also visited General Chang Chun, director of the Generalissimo's headquarters here.

A banquet which was to have been given last night in honour of Sir Archibald was cancelled owing to the Ambassador's eye trouble. — Reuter.

SEVEN PLAGUES IN VICTORIA

MELBOURNE, TO-DAY.

A SEVERE PLAGUE OF CATERPILLARS, GRASSHOPPERS AND FLYING ANTS IS RAVAGING THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

Dust is also having a bad effect on crops, pasture and vegetables, as well as human beings.

The drought has caused a 75 per cent. fall in wheat yield, which is estimated at 12,000,000 bushels. —Reuter.

JAPANESE C.IN.C. IN COLONY

Marking the first visit of a Japanese man-of-war to Hong Kong since the Keelung incident two years ago, the 10,000-ton Japanese cruiser "Myoku" steamed into the harbour at 8.45 this morning.

Flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Shiozawa, the cruiser exchanged salutes with shore batteries and H.M.S. Birmingham.

The "Myoku" fired a salute of 21 guns, which was replied to by Blackhead Fort, after which H.M.S. Birmingham saluted the visiting Admiral with 15 guns, the Japanese cruiser replying.

The Japanese commander-in-chief is exchanging visits with Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble this morning.

FRENCH VETERAN ATTACKS REICH

Paris, To-day.

Henry Pichot, the leader of the biggest of the French War Veterans' Associations, in an article which is given great prominence in "Oeuvre," sharply attacks the policy of Germany.

He begins by saying that for 15 years he has worked to bring about a Franco-German rapproachment. Pichot protests above all against the measures adopted in Germany to solve the Jewish problem as well as against what he describes as an attempt on part of Germany to interfere in the life of the French nation.

The article winds up with an appeal to the French nation to make a proud and resolute stand against German demands.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO WAITS FOR RESULTS

San Sebastian, To-day.

Franco circles hope that after the Anglo-Italian agreement is placed in force, Britain will soon recognize belligerent rights to the Burgos Government.

Franco is also looking forward with great interest to the visit of the British Ministers to Paris because one item of the programme of the Franco-British discussion is thought to deal with the question of belligerent rights to National Spain. —Trans-Ocean.

A fisherman, Chung San, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, with injuries to his right hand, caused by a premature dynamite explosion when fishing near Shataukok.

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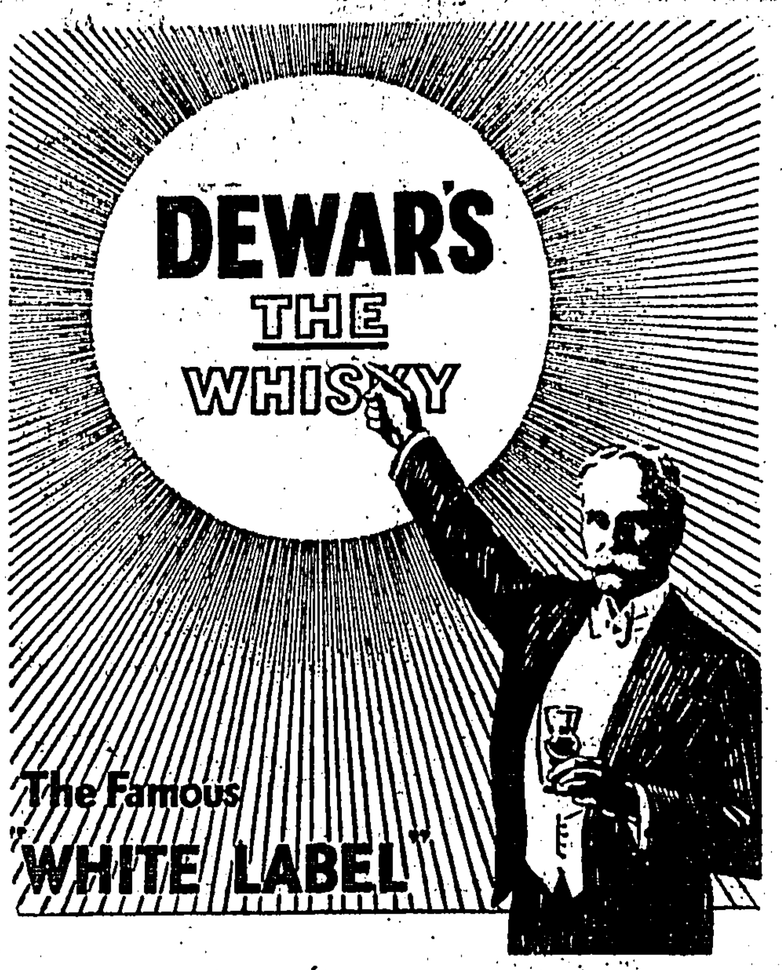

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BRITAIN AND ITALY

The future of the war in Spain is intimately bound up with the coming into operation of the Anglo-Italian Agreement, formally acknowledged yesterday by the presentation of Letters of Credence to the Emperor of Ethiopia by the British Ambassador. On the fighting fronts, there is still no sign of any breakdown by either of the belligerents. Such initiative as Franco is able to secure is based wholly upon the striking power of aircraft supplied by Germany and Italy. The Republican strategy time and again has proved itself capable of upsetting every calculation and presenting General Franco with a new problem the moment the solution of one appears likely.

Mussolini's line of conduct in this matter is, of course, of paramount importance, and there will be deep disappointment in Downing Street if Mr. Chamberlain's determination to bring the Anglo-Italian Agreement into operation does not meet with a response more obviously in harmony with the spirit of the agreement than the token withdrawal on which the Prime Minister based his argument for implementation. There was a flood of rumours after Munich suggesting that Mussolini was weary of the Spanish 'entanglement,' that he would be glad of a reasonable excuse for clearing out of Spain, and that if he (and therefore everyone else) did so we might even have hopes that the Spanish combatants would find their own way to peace. Things do not seem to be working out the way.

Britain has in Spain two interests. The first is that force, active aggression, should no longer be used by foreign Powers to impose their own kind of settlement; all the Powers represented in the Non-Intervention Committee pretend to agree about this. The second is direct interest, that Italy and Germany should not establish such a hold on Spain that they could use its harbours and aerodromes in a naval war. Is there any prospect of getting all the foreigners on both sides out of Spain? The Spanish Government has decided to send all its "volunteers" home, and many have already left. In justice this should mean — as under the Non-Intervention Committee's plan it would have meant — that all the "volunteers" on Franco's side should also be repatriated. Of this there is no sign. Mussolini withdrew 10,000 "volunteers" to Italy; they were infantrymen, and it does not appear that he is proposing to withdraw any of his "technicians" or airmen or any of the munitions that mean much more to Franco than any infantry. It is denied in Italy that Mussolini's Ten Thousand have any connection with the international plan for withdrawing all "volunteers" from both sides. It is not concealed that he brought home this "substantial" number of troops to persuade Mr. Chamberlain to put into force the Anglo-Italian agreement. He hopes also to secure for Franco the recognition of belligerent rights, the effect of which would be that Franco would have a better prospect of starving out the Government, for every ship carrying food supplies could then be attacked on the high seas (which is not allowed now) and sunk if it refused orders to go to one of Franco's ports. There is no evidence that the long drawn out Rome conversations implied any change whatever in the attitude of Italy (and therefore of Germany) towards the Spanish war.

Both Italy and Germany have claimed as their reason for invading Spain that they will not tolerate "Bolshevism" there, and the word covers all that is not Franco. The "Frankfurter Zeitung" has said that, for the German Government, Munich was a victory over Moscow in Central Europe and that the same victory must now be achieved elsewhere —that is to say, in Spain, which has thus, it adds, become a "touchstone." But in a different sense it is a "touchstone" for others also. No one who thinks seriously about the recent crisis can have failed to realise how gravely our difficulties would have been increased in case of war had Mussolini and Hitler been able to use against us the northern frontier regions, Majorca, and Franco's ports both on the north and on the south coast. If Franco becomes master also of the east coast of Spain, including Catalonia, so much the worse for us and France if Franco's allies still hold their present grip on him. (Franco is understood to have stated that he would remain "neutral" in case of war, but no one knows, or can know, how far he is or will be master in his own country.) Meanwhile Mussolini, having achieved his agreement with Britain, shows no sign of relenting in his hostility towards France. Signor Gayda, his monthpiece, justifies this by accusing France of "intervention." But if this is the Mussolini policy, if he does not intend to withdraw from Franco the only aid which matters, if he insists on bringing about the defeat of the Spanish Government, and he and Germany maintain or strengthen their hold on Spain, then clearly Spain will not "cease to be a menace to the peace of Europe" and there is no "settlement," in any real sense, however Mr. Chamberlain may interpret it.

KING CAROL'S TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER

Germany's Economic Penetration Discussed

Visiting Royalty On Long Round Of Functions

London, To-day.

King Carol of Rumania received the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at Buckingham Palace last night.

It is thought that the conversation dealt with German economic activity in Rumania and the possibility of increasing Rumania's exports to Britain, particularly of oil and grain.

The King and Queen and Queen Mary, other members of the Royal Family, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, members of the Cabinet and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Attlee, were present at a banquet given by King Carol at the Rumanian Legation last night.

The Queen wore a crinoline gown of silver grey satin, a diamond tiara, necklace and bracelet.

After the banquet Their Majesties gave a reception at Buckingham Palace in honour of King Carol.

Six hundred guests were present, including foreign Ambassadors and Ministers and the Dominion High Commissioners.

GUILDHALL CEREMONY

Earlier in the day, London gave King Carol and Prince Michael a great reception when they left Buckingham Palace and drove in an open carriage to the Guildhall.

The Royal visitors were welcomed at the Guildhall by the Lord Mayor and a large company of distinguished people, including Mr. Chamberlain and the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax.

An illuminated address of welcome was read and a few presentations made to the King, after which King Carol, accompanied by Prince Michael, the Duke of Gloucester and the Lord Mayor, headed a procession to the luncheon hall.

CAROL'S ADDRESS

Addressing the assembly and tendering thanks for the reception given him and his son by the people of England, King Carol said:

"The fact that in my veins flows the same blood as that of your King, I am convinced has contributed to this splendid welcome.

"Moreover, in more recent times, neither I nor my people can forget that Rumania belonged to the same mighty army of the Allies fighting for the same cause and for the same faith."—Reuter.

PEACE AND PROSPERITY

In his Guildhall address, King Carol, after speaking of Rumania's historic and strategic position on the ancient boundaries of western civilisation and to-day on Europe's most important line of communication—the Danube—emphasised how closely linked were the conception of peace and economic prosperity.

Economic prosperity could not develop without a strong will to maintain peace, and there was no better means of preserving peace than through the loyal and equitable development of economic exchanges.

"I am firmly convinced that if we follow this line of conduct with firmness and sincerity there will be rapid progress towards that which all nations desire so fervently—goodwill and peaceful collaboration".

King Carol also expressed the belief that this programme of civilising development would be the means of strengthening even more the most friendly relations already existing between Rumania and the British Empire.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN TO BUY CANADIAN PLANES

London, To-day.

The Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that an agreement had been signed under which the Government were placing an initial order for large bombers with manufacturers in Canada.

Canadian firms undertook to maintain for the next ten years a manufacturing capacity available for further potential orders.

Two central establishments would be placed in Toronto and Montreal for execution of orders.—Reuter.

FIGHTERS ALSO

In addition to the arrangements for large bomber aircraft, said Sir Kingsley Wood, negotiations are now proceeding in London with two Canadian companies for the manufacture of fighter and general reconnaissance types.

Delivery under these orders would take place in 1940, but "it would not be in the public interest to disclose the numbers."

The order represented a very considerable development of Canadian manufacturing capacity.—British Wireless.

IN PALESTINE

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary told the Commons that preparations for the proposed Palestine discussions in London were continuing, while in Palestine itself steps were being taken to restore the Government's authority throughout the country.—British Wireless.

A.R.P. COMPULSION IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

A decree has been passed making it an offence, subject to a fine of 100 francs, if persons fail to keep their gas masks in order or fail to put them on when ordered by A.R.P. officials.

All air raid precaution measures will be paid for by the Government, but local municipalities will continue to make payments to the Treasury.—Reuter.

GERMANY FAILS TO REPLY TO PROTEST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY, WHICH LASTED 80 MINUTES, IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE CONSIDERED THE JEWISH PROBLEM.

No reply has yet been received from the German Government to the strong British protest against the association of the names of British politicians with the murder of von Rath in Paris.

The Cabinet may also have considered the feasibility of a parallel approach by Britain and America to Berlin in regard to the treatment of Jews in Germany.

When Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax go to Paris next week, the whole course of events since Munich, including the German attacks on the Jews, will undoubtedly come under consideration.—Reuter.

STONES THROWN AT SYNAGOGUE

Budapest, To-day.

Late yesterday night stones were thrown by persons whose identity has not been ascertained at the windows of a recently built synagogue in Budapest's suburb of Ofen.

The windows were smashed.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENT: WAY PREPARED

Paris, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Agence Radio" which is known to be well connected with the Quai d'Orsay, states that the discussions started by the former French Ambassador to Berlin, M. Francois-Poncet, before his departure from Germany, with Chancellor Hitler and continued in Paris between the German Ambassador, Count Welczeck, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, have now led to a "basis for a Franco-German agreement."

The final shape of this agreement has, according to the Agence Radio, not yet been defined but in any case it will be on almost the same lines as the Anglo-German Munich declaration which excludes the possibilities of a new war.

As to the colonial problem the diplomatic correspondent maintains that "this question does not arise for the French Government."—Trans-Ocean.

FORMAL U.S. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

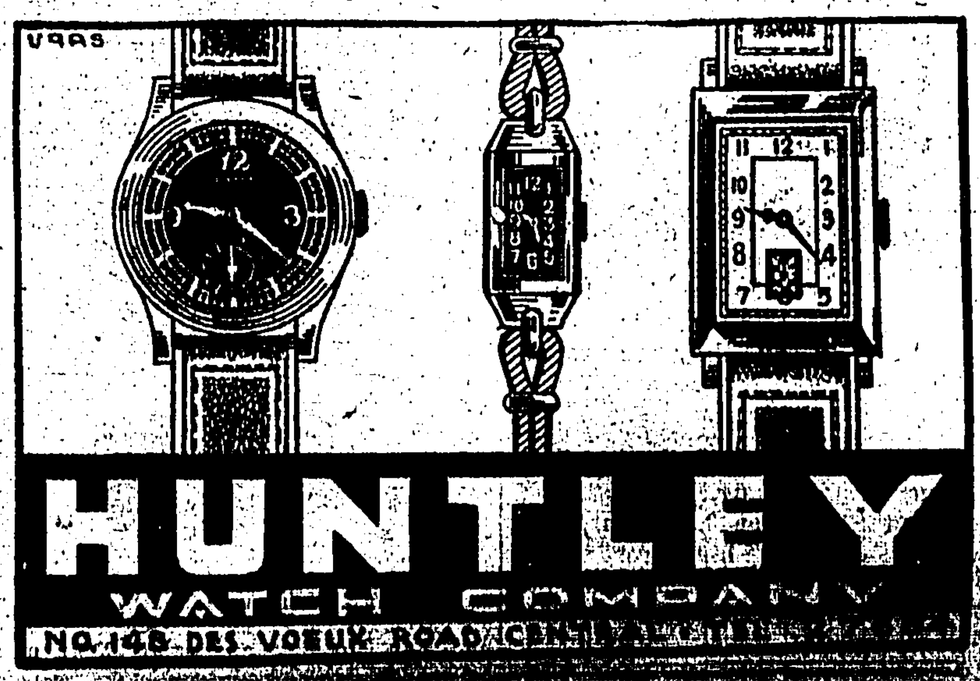
BERLIN, TO-DAY.

THE UNITED STATES HAS SENT TO THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE A FORMAL NOTE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS IN REGARD TO DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY OF AMERICAN JEWS RESIDENT IN GERMANY DURING THE RECENT RIOTS.

No details are given in the note, but the United States Government reserves the right to take further action on behalf of those affected.

Commenting on the elimination of Jews from German economic life, the "Koelnischer Zeitung" urges that on no account must German trade interests be harmed.

The paper declares: "If the employment of Jews means an increase in the export trade, Jews should remain in business."—Reuter.



CHIANG WITHDRAWING DEEPER INTO HUNAN

Concentration Of Forces On Kwangtung Border

Change In China Strategy: Bid To Hold Railway

Chungking, To-day.

The large-scale withdrawal of Chinese troops from northeast Hunan is believed to indicate an important change in the Chinese military plans.

Informed quarters point out that the Japanese have advanced so far into Hunan that a loss of further important strategic positions in the mountainous regions could be prevented only with difficulty.

The Chinese were compelled to withdraw, it is declared, because the Railway Line running through the lowlands in East Hunan enabled the Japanese to advance with great rapidity.

The Japanese mechanised units were able to push forward quickly.

The Chinese, therefore, plan to concentrate in western and southern Hunan, along the boundary between that province and Kwangtung. The mountainous terrain there favours defence.

TO HOLD RAILWAY

The Chinese High Command is anxious to prevent the Canton-Hankow Railway from falling completely into the hands of the Japanese.

The Chinese troop concentrations on the boundary between Hunan and Kwangtung also appear to indicate the Chinese High Command intention to attempt to recapture Canton.

Chinese quarters declare that the population of the regions from which the Chinese troops have been trained for guerilla operations and provided with arms and ammunition.

An official statement issued yesterday declares that the Chinese set fire to Changsha in order to prevent this important base falling into the hands of the Japanese undestroyed.

HEAP OF RUINS

The entire town, with all its industrial plants, has been converted into a heap of ruins by the fire, which raged for three days and two nights.

Foreigners were given quarters on the property of the A.P.C. and provided with food. The Chinese authorities admit that the Japanese have scored a minor success on the northern Yangtse along the Han River.

The Chinese attack on Canton is said to be making satisfactory progress. Although no details are available, it is generally believed that the Chinese are advancing on Canton from several directions.

That the Japanese attach considerable importance to the Chinese offensive against Canton is evident from the fact that they are preparing strong defence positions outside Canton.—Trans-Ocean.

Long Hing-cheong, of No. 158, Portland Street, at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, parked his Ford car, No. 1389, outside No. 107 Boundary Street, and at 7.30 returned to find it missing.

COST OF OTHER POWERS?

London, To-day.

A question was submitted by the Labour member, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Jr., asking whether the declaration made on December 21, 1937, by Mr. Anthony Eden that England had no intention of discussing with Germany a solution of the colonial question at the cost of other colonial powers still held good.

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Mr. R. A. Butler, remarked in reply to other questions concerning the German colonial demands that the Anglo-Portuguese Colonial Treaty of October 14, 1895, by which the British Government undertook an obligation to defend Portuguese colonies was still in force.—Trans-Ocean.

Chan Ho-sang, residing at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., has reported to the police that some person yesterday entered his quarters, and stole from his jacket pocket, a sum of $160 in Hong Kong currency.

NEW HUNGARIAN ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION

Budapest, To-day.

Severe Hungarian legislation against Jews is announced by the Prime Minister, Imredy, to be prepared in the next few days by a special committee of the Government.

One of these new laws aims at facilitating and promoting Jewish emigration from Hungary while the other will deal with restriction of Jewish participation in activities not yet dealt with in previous legislation. It will chiefly affect the ownership of property and various branches of trade and industry.

It is also possible writes "Az Est," that the participation of 20% of Jews in various occupations will be reduced.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. PIROW'S STAY IN BERLIN

London, To-day.

The probable duration of Mr. Pirow's stay in Berlin is not known. It is expected, however, that he will remain in Berlin for at least a week. He will then return to London to report to the British Government on his conversations.

Whether Mr. Pirow will visit Brussels is still uncertain.

The date of Mr. Pirow's departure on the return journey to South Africa is fixed for December 19.—Trans-Ocean.

ARAB LEADERS AND WOODHEAD REPORT

Beirut, To-day.

The Supreme Arab Committee yesterday issued a statement on the Woodhead Report. It declines to accept any solution which is to be forced on the Arabs and claims anew the full rights of the Arabs to Palestine.

Rejecting the British point of view that peace can only be restored by an understanding between the Jews and the Arabs, the Committee points out that no such understanding is possible as long as the Jews wish to restrict the rights of the Arabs. The Jews under no circumstances could be considered by the Arabs as legal partners in discussions on Palestine.

FOUR POINTS

The Committee draws up four points of the Arab national programme:

(1) recognition of the rights of the Arabs to complete independence in their territory,

(2) cancellation of the Balfour declaration,

(3) annulment of British Mandate and conclusion of a treaty on basis of the Anglo-Irak, Anglo-Egyptian or Franco-Syrian agreement, giving Palestine complete independence,

(4) complete prohibition of further Jewish immigration into Palestine as well as the sale of landing property to the Jews. — Trans-Ocean.

A PRETTY HANDFUL. Some delightful champions and champions in the making are to be seen at Mrs. M. M. Moseley's Dalmatian kennels at Farningham, Kent. Photo shows a charming study of Miss Joy Moseley exercising some of the dogs at the kennels.

News Snack Bar

QUEEN MARY SAW THEM WED

A couple, whose wedding was watched by Queen Mary (then Princess Mary of Teck), have celebrated their golden wedding. They are Mr. and Mrs. William Davies, of Blackpill, Swansea.

The Princess was passing in her carriage when she saw a peculiar Welsh ceremony, now unfortunately extinct, being conducted. She inquired what it was, and heard it was a "bidding" wedding (to which all the couple's friends were invited). Then they all walked to the church headed by a fiddler.

The future Queen Mary watched intently. Later she called at the bride's home, but missed her, for Mrs. Davies was on her honeymoon.

There was a family reunion.

For the first time for twenty-three years, Mr. and Mrs. Davies's four sons, four daughters and eight grandchildren were present together.

WILFRED'S TOILET. Wilfred, the South African Bush Baby, at the London Zoo, undergoes his daily toilet, apparently approciative of his keeper's efforts to smarten him up.

A polar bear at Whipsnade Zoo tried hard to strike the right note with a double bass, but his efforts were somehow not in accord. He angrily finished by smashing the instrument as a grand finale. He's got the right idea here—the only snag is he's trying to place the wrong end under his chin.

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£76 FOR BLEEDING BOWL

Bleeding Bowl, believed to be the earliest in Britain realised £76 at Sotheby's.

The sale was of the contents of the Old Court House, Hampton Court; where Sir Christopher Wren died.

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HONOUR FOR GRACIE

Gracie Fields will be made a life governor of the London Hospital after a luncheon in her honour at the hospital.

The presentation will take place three days before her Albert Hall concert in aid of the hospital funds. Queen Mary will attend the concert.

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THAT'S HER—

THE UGLY ONE

Counsel at London's Wood Green Police Court—Where is your wife? Is she in court?—Yes. She is sitting beside the nice-looking girl in the public gallery.

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LIVED 65 YEARS ON ONE LUNG

Throughout his life George Herberts sixty-five, inmate of Swaffield-road Institution, Wandsworth, lived on one lung. He collapsed and died in a tramcar opposite St. Thomas's Hospital. "A rather rare case," Dr. J. Oliver, of St. Thomas's, told the Southwark coroner.

Bruin seems here to be sorely tried and puzzled as he manoeuvres for correct playing position.

£200 FOR LOST FINGER

Settlement by a final payment of £200 and costs of a compensation claim by a woodworking machinist was approved by Judge Lilley at Shoreditch County Court.

The claim had been brought by Charles Albert Backshall, of St. Thomas's-place, Hackney, against his employers, H. Cohen and Son, of Hackney-road, Shoreditch.

Backshall had his right ring finger cut off by a circular saw in April last year. Weekly compensation was paid to him until February, when the employers contended that he was fit to resume his work.

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NEW ZEALAND BUYS BRITISH

New Zealand announced that Government contracts worth £179,000 have been placed with British firms.

A firm in Rugby receives the biggest order £79,857.

Steel plates, train lighting equipment, plate glass, steel bars and tubes, copper wire, lifting crabs, steel billets and plywood are to be supplied by firms in London (£24,000), Manchester (£6,527), Middlesbrough (£3,998), Scunthorpe (£3,169), Newport (Mon.) (£2,169).

CAT WALKS 51 MILES "HOME"

When Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Morris moved from Bridgend, Glam., to Newbridge, Mon., they took their cat and dog. Three days later the dog appeared at his old home, having trotted the fifty-one miles. The cat disappeared a week after moving. She took five days to reach Brigend . . . looking none the worse.

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YOUNG MEN WARNED!

Young sailors beware!—Do not get love symbols tatooed on your arms and chests. So said the Lady Mayoress of Plymouth (Mrs. Solomon Stephens).

"It would be rather awkward if a boy with 'I Love Mary' or 'Dear Joan,' or some such inscription imprinted on his chest wished to marry a girl called Pat," she said, and then:

"This sort of thing has led to much unhappiness and trouble in many people's lives."

But why warn only young sailors?

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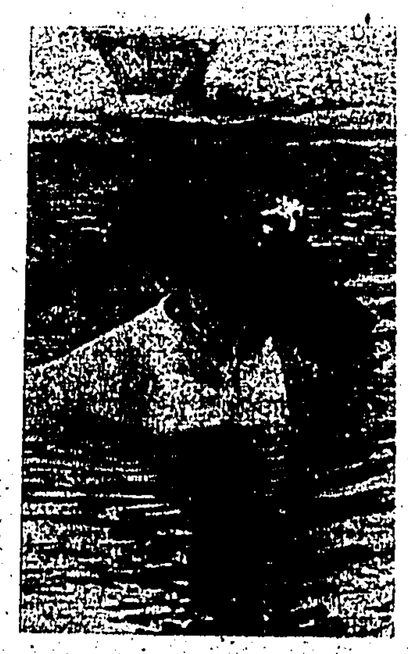
WHERE WALES DRAWS THE LINE

Attempts to check disfiguring of Welsh countryside is to be made by the Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales. They have issued a list of "common vulgarities," and here are samples: Front doors with "fancy" shaped lights; windows divided into small panes at the top and not at the bottom; over-elaboration of chimney tops; planting of "fancy" varlegated shrubs and trees out of harmony with a Welsh background; use of un-Welsh names for houses (such as Balmoral and Chatsworth).



And this is the end of the Whipsnade concert.

PARROT CRIES "HELP"

Cries of "help" led firemen to search every room of a burning house in S.inclair-road, West Kensington, London, W. Their search for trapped fire victims was in vain.

The cries of "help" had come from the house next door. And that was empty, too—save for the parrot.

The list is addressed "to those who build in Wales."

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WHERE UNIFORM DOES NOT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At Tottenham's police court, a bus driver was summoned for ignoring traffic lights.

"These men in their (bus-drivers') uniforms are as much entitled to be believed as the police in theirs," said counsel.

Magistrate E. W. Whitworth: Their uniforms don't make them all George Washingtons.

Counsel: No, your worship. But they don't make policemen George Washingtons either . . . though some Benches, unlike this enlightened one, seem to think they do.

And that has wanted saying for a long time, too.

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SOCCER "CAP" CHARGED

Scottish international inside right, Peter Stewart McKennan of Partick Thistle, was charged a Kilmarnock with assaulting Frederick Milloy, Kilmarnock F. C. left back, after a game on October 1. Trial was fixed for December 19.

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WHIZ BANG . . .

TO STOP BANGING

A live shell, marked "8-pdr., 1920," found in an unoccupied house in Boscombe-avenue, Southend, had apparently been used by the late occupiers as a stop to prevent the door banging. The police have asked military authorities at Colchester to collect it.

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DRIVEN FROM HOME—

BY WASPS

Wasps have driven out of their home a Dordrecht (Holland) family. Thousands, buzzing through the house, even moving the wallpaper by crawling under it, [illegible]

CHARLIE'S HEIL

Charlie Chaplin plans a daring caricature of Adolf Hitler in his next film, to be made early next year.

The comedian, whose famous tooth-brush moustache so much resembles the Fuehrer's, will play the part of a comic little Jew who, being the double of a certain dictator, is constantly being mistaken for him. Charlie will also play the dictator's part.

The Jew will be a paper-hanger, as Hitler once was.

Chaplin's films are banned in Germany and Italy.

"I suppose I'm fussy . .

. . . but I don't see why, at my age, I should put up with second-best . . . For instance, I'm fond of the theatre; but, believe me, I'd rather stay away than see an indifferent play.

. . . So that's why, when you offered me whisky, I asked you to make mine a White Horse. I daresay some men hold that one Scotch whisky is as good as another. Well, when they know as much about it as I do, they will think differently."

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THE TRUE STORY O HITLER-SCHUSCHN

As Told By Chancellor Schuschnigg Himself To Dr. Martin Fu

ON February 10th, a brilliantly attended ball was given by the Patriotic Front at the Hofburg at Vienna. Schuschnigg's expression was serious even for him, but he felt neither as discouraged nor as preoccupied as had appeared to be the case a few months before. He conversed at length with the diplomats present, especially with those of the Western Powers, finally informing them—more or less as an after-thought—that his Secretary of State, Guido Schmidt, would have an important communication to make to them the afternoon of the next day. This communication—announcing that the Chancellor would pay a personal visit to Hitler on February 12th at Berchtesgaden—was made to the foreign representatives.

The point was, they were told, to dispel the misunderstandings which had lately rendered very difficult the application of the July agreement and of the pacification agreement.

Hitler to Schuschnigg: I wish to found an Empire of 80 million souls.

Ambassador von Papen had furnished reassuring explanations. The Austrian Government had no reason for anxiety, the fact being that the meeting was being held subject to the express condition that the sovereignty and the independence of Austria, recognised by the agreement of July 11th, should not come up for rediscussion.

The high officials of the Ballhausplatz and of the Press Department of the Chancellery, who saw the Chancellor in the morning of February 12th, before his departure for Berchtesgaden, found him a little nervous, but in a comparatively good humour and very sure of himself. *He left with the feeling of marching to victory, and, determined not to allow any concession* to be wrested from him exceeding the scope of the July agreement, either by the eloquence of the Fuehrer or by disguised threats or by any other means of pressure. This confidence was shared by his collaborators, by all official organisations and, following their example, by the foreign diplomats and the representatives of the Press.

The communique, of no interest whatever, which was distributed in the evening of the historic day and only mentioned the actual fact of the interview, strengthened the impression that nothing new had occurred and that the Federal Chancellor had made no concession to the Reich incompatible with the agreement. The Sunday papers of Berlin and Vienna were extremely reserved and obviously possessed no definite information; the British and French Press suggested that Schuschnigg had maintained a very firm attitude and even that he had carried off the victory. *The Austrian representatives abroad had received instructions not to ascribe an exceptional importance to the meeting* and to speak of it as of a very normal consequence of the policy inaugurated in July.

By Sunday evening therefore, people in Vienna and other capitals were somewhat impatient for news, but in no wise alarmed. But the prolonged absence of official information on the subject and results of the interview began to provoke some uneasiness. It was not before late in the evening of Sunday that the truth began to be known. Those few who had seen the Chancellor after the meeting had shown signs of intense emotion. He had seemed absolutely petrified, deeply afflicted, wounded in his personal dignity, with that set and impotent twist of the lips that told its story of one who sees no further issue from a desperate situation.

After his return to Vienna, the head of the Austrian Government, secluded himself for several hours. He refused to see anyone, not even his most intimate friends. Secretary of State Schmidt, who had also seemed profoundly affected, had also disappeared. On Sunday afternoon, Schuschnigg had gone to see President Miklas. Those two men, on whom Austria's destinies depended, conversed in secret for several hours. They remained silent as the grave as to the object of their conference. On Monday morning, the Chancellor started upon an endless series of political conversations with his colleagues, with Burgomaster Schmidt, with the President of the State, with the leader of the Agrarian Party, Reither, the high officials of the Ballhausplatz and the Italian Minister.

In Vienna, in Austria, in the whole world, the news spread like a train of gunpowder. Schuschnigg had brought back a German ultimatum; the interview with Hitler had been stormy and completely devoid of any diplomatic reticence. At the same time, information was received of the movements of the German troops on the Bavarian frontier.

Monday afternoon, Secretary of State Schmidt summoned the French and British representatives to his office and informed them of the German desiderata. He tried to avoid describing the real aspect of the situation. It was, he said, very serious, in fact, very alarming, but for the moment there was no reason to fear the worst. It has, in any case, been possible to safeguard the principle of the July agreement, the recognition of Austrian independence by the Reich. Concessions would obviously have to be made in the interest of internal peace, and for this, the Austrian cabinet would have to be reorganised.

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. . . . Do you realize that you have opposite you the greatest German known to history?

ment on a proper basis. He would even go so far as to withdraw his support from the national socialists of Austria. But for this, certain minimum conditions must be fulfilled as a guarantee for loyal collaboration based on the treaty. If these were rejected by the Austrian Government, he would be obliged to attack and destroy the system.

As Schuschnigg at that moment made a gesture of protest against this extraordinary elucubration, Hitler suddenly entered into a towering rage. Rolling his eyes like a madman, he repeated several times: "Destruction . . . Destruction . . . "and began to launch personal invectives at his guest.

"You wait, you see . . . . you also will be destroyed!" he cried.

Then he switched off into a historical and philosophical dissertation on the mission he was called upon to fulfil for the glory of the German people.

"I shall found an empire of eighty millions of souls."

This was followed by threats of what would happen if Austria were to reject the olive branch which he held out. The German army was ready to re-establish order, the German aviation could overfly Vienna in a few hours, the Austrian national socialists were only awaiting a word from him to be liberated from the restraint which they willingly imposed upon themselves after the July agreement and would resume their activity.

"And I promise you that they will not lack means to do so!"

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. . . want to be attractive. So if you're a wise girl you will read what NAOMI BOURN has to say. Because she can let you into the secret of charm.

HOW often do you go through your wardrobe? It is useless taking time and trouble choosing your clothes, unless you take even more trouble looking after them.

No matter how much they cost, they will soon become shabby and out of shape, unless you are constantly keeping them up to the mark.

Once a month, at least, you should overhaul your wardrobe — clean and press, brush and mend. Sending clothes to the cleaners may seem to upset your budget at the time, but it will more than repay you in the end. For it is dirt and dust that rots and dims materials.

Give your clothes a daily brush.

Clean patent leather with a milk-soaked rag, and remove any traces of lipstick from the inside of your bag with acetone.

Remember, it is not what you wear that matters; it is how you wear it.

It is the inside you that matters. . . . that has the final say in the effect you give. Always be dignified — but never stiff. Always be friendly — but never cheap.

And once you have put on your clothes forget them. Just be your gracious, natural self, and earn the reputation of being a charming, well-dressed woman.

HOW do you fancy yourself in this frock?

There's something about it, isn't there? There's a zip and a swing to it that makes it just right for Oi-ing in the "Lambeth Walk."

That comes from the shirred waist, cleverly cut bodice and saucy bow in front. And the full-fronted skirt is just the latest.

You like it, of course. I knew you would. BUT . . . take these warnings.

It is not the frock for the girl who is not-so-slim because it emphasises curves.

What the plumper girl should choose is a frock that gives her a slicker silhouette. There are plenty of them . . . she doesn't have to be envious of the sylphs or copy their clothes. And she shouldn't wear too short skirts.

HOW do you fancy yourself wearing this hat and carrying this bag?

It is not the sort of hat to wear on a wet day or when your hair is any less than perfect.

And if your nose is long, or your eyes set too close together, it is certainly not the hat for you.

With a hat like this your eyebrows need extra care.

After you have powdered, moisten a brush with skin tonic and very lightly groom them into place.

If you carry a bag as big as this one, it must be THE accessory to your costume.

Discard any bits and pieces of jewellery.

One accessory which is perfect will lift a simple costume into the Paris class, but a bad mixing of two or three accessories — even if each one is perfectly — will let down any outfit.

Be as exclusive in the choice and use of your accessories as you are in the choice of your friends . . .

A good bag, like a good friend, does not get shabby through constant wear.

HOW often do you brush your hair . . . ?

If you were asked which is the most important feature of a woman's appearance, I wonder what you would say?

To me, healthy, glowing hair is much more important than any big eyes or pretty nose. Because no matter how pretty you are, it is impossible to look really attractive if your hair is uncared for and straggly.

A well-groomed head of hair is a great help towards a charming appearance.

So, no matter how tired you are at night, spend an extra few minutes counting that all-important hundred to the rhythm of the hairbrush.

And when saving up for a new lipstick, put a few pennies aside for a new hairbrush.

Keep a man's pure silk handkerchief in your beauty drawer, and rub it over your hair after you have done it — this will give it a lovely gloss.

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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Surely you are planning to be vogueish with a purple dress, a plum suit, or a bunch of violets tucked under your chin. And just as surely you will need a polish for your nails to harmonise.

WEARING PURPLE? WATCH THE COLOUR OF YOUR NAILS!

Purple in all shades predominates the fashion scene this season, and is closely followed up by wine reds.

Whatever the reason for this swing to the royal shade — Queen Elizabeth's visit to Paris or the return of court splendor in Milady's dressing — it certainly is a colour rage!

Masses of purple shades! Hats, gowns, dresses, shoes. Bunches of violets pinned high beneath chins, on muffs, and purple bows in the hair.

So surely you are planning to have a purple something! And then you are doing to find out that orange-red cosmetics clash with your ensemble! Your rose shades and sun-tan nail polishes must be reserved for other costumes, for only orchidacous tints will make you regal right down to your very finger-tips.

There are several delightful shades from which to choose in the new nail tints. One with the right orchid cast harmonises smartly with "straight purple," and it has a muted, delicate colouring which your hands demand. For the deeper wines and plums wear that divinely right grapeshade to give your hands a blueveined, shell-like appearance. Look at the counter colour chart before making your purchase, for a bottle of the right colour will give you much joy the next month or two.

Easy To Apply

These newer, cream polishes in the somewhat darker shades are easy to apply. To give your nail an attractive oval shape leave only a spec of a moon and tip showing white. If you are just a social lady, and have no career to demand that your nails be of moderate length, you can afford to let your nails grow quite long. The vogue is for longer nails, but it depends upon your personal taste.

If you haven't yet acquainted yourself with one of the new nail bases by all means do so. They are colourless and you paint them on before applying your polish. Such a base does not only protect the nail somewhat but it keeps your polish from chipping.

To keep the new brush-up in place, hats come with snoods of a coarse mesh designed to hold every hair in place and also to be decorative. Sketched is a little round plush affair made smarter by its attendent snood.

Strapless brassieres, for your strapless evening gown, are lightly boned and cut with an eye to keeping them from slipping. They are designed to give lovely contours to match lovely shoulders.

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

You will need to be thoroughly practical this day, in dealing with household and business problems. You are likely to find people very free with advice; but be careful, before acting on it that is applicable to your own personal affairs. Many businessmen may suffer from poor memories, so confirmation and verification of verbal statements or figures might be advisable, in the process of reasoning, women are apt to advance more logical and sound ideas than men, this day so it might be well to keep this in mind. In social life there is apt to be an unusual amount of skepticism regarding friendly overtures, as well as excuses, so be very tactful. Married and engaged couples, as well as those entertaining serious matrimonial intentions, must be cautious about indulging in personal criticism this day, for the average person will be very sensitive if he is made conscious of being guilty of any mistake.

If a woman and November 17 is your birthday, free yourself of any belief you entertain about superstitions, for you might suffer a great deal of unhappiness. Jealousy is also likely to be a disturbing influence in your life, and it will, perhaps, be due to your allowing your imagination to run wild. Be careful a love for adventure does not cause you to throw discretion or caution aside this day and get you into a lot of trouble. An excess of dignity can be, with you, as great an error of judgment as a lack of it. In journalism, a commercial venture, education or theatrical work or selling a windfall may make you a very happy woman. Through marriage, your chances for domestic felicity are excellent.

The child born on November 17, generally is very affectionate, makes friends readily, and loves to be in the spot light. Later on in life this youngster is likely to succeed best in some highly specialised line of activity or a profession.

For that button that has to stand the greatest strain, for shirring that must be close fitting to be smart and yet give a little for comfort, there's a new thread on the market. It is made of that marvel elastic of our age, lastex, and may be used on the needle or in the bobbin of the sewing machine for shirring.

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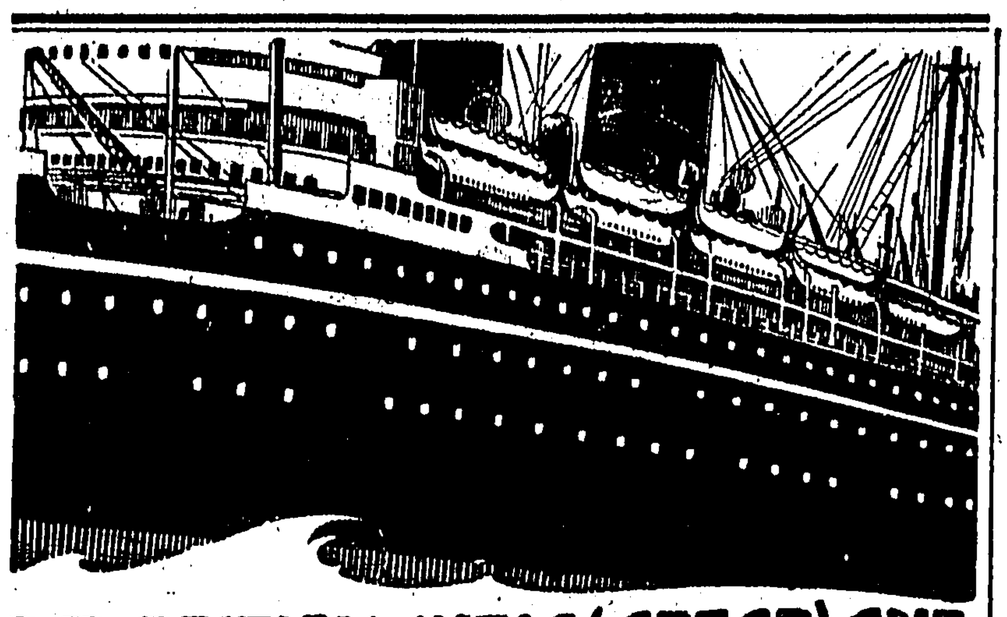

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*ALIPORE.....	6,000	27th Nov.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
†*SOMALI.....	6,000	3rd Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
§CANTON	15,500	10th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
§CORFU	14,500	24th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†*BANGALORE	6,000	31st Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
§CHITRAL	17,000	7th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
§CARTHAGE ...	14,500	21st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†*BHUTAN	6,000	28th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA ...	17,000	4th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	11th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.

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SANTHIA	8,000	3rd Dec.	
TALAMBA.....	10,000	17th Dec.	
TALMA	10,000	31st Dec.	
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*BANGALORE	6,000	26th Nov.	Shanghai & Japan.
NANKIN	7,000	4th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
TALMA	10,000	7th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
CHITRAL.....	17,000	9th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
SIRDHANA.....	8,000	22nd Dec.	Japan.
CARTHAGE ...	14,500	23rd Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
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Printed Paper Mail (Christmas Cards etc., in open envelopes) closes as follows:—

Registered Mail ..... 9.45 a.m. 26th November.
Ordinary Mail .....10.30 a.m. 26th November.

This mail will be forwarded by the S.S. "Rawalpindi" and is due to arrive at London on the 24th December, 1938.

Parcel Mail for Great Britain closes at Noon on Friday, 11th Nov. per S.S. "Ranpura" and is due to arrive at London on the 16th December, 1938.

CHRISTMAS PRINTED PAPER MAIL AND PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA

The Christmas Printed Paper Mail (Christmas Cards etc., in open envelopes) and Parcels for Australia will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office as follows:—

Parcels	5.00	p.m.	1st December
Registered Mail	8.45	a.m.	2nd December
Ordinary Mail	9.30	a.m.	2nd December

These Mails will be forwarded by the S.S. "Tanda" and are due to arrive at Sydney on 21st December, 1938.

CHRISTMAS MAIL FOR CANADA AND U.S.A.

Christmas Printed Paper Mail (Christmas Cards etc., in open envelopes) and Parcels for Canada and Letters and Parcel Mails for U.S.A. will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office per S.S. "Empress of Asia" as follows:—

Parcels .....5.00 p.m. 24th November.
Registered Mail ..... 9.15 a.m. 25th November.
Ordinary Mail ..... 10.00 a.m. 25th November

These mails are due to arrive at Vancouver B.C. and Seattle (U.S.A.) on the 12th December, 1938.

Postal Service to Canton is temporarily suspended.

Ordinary letter mail only for West Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow & Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

Air Mail for certain places previously served by the Chungking & Hankow Air-lines, will be despatched via Hanoi and thence by air as services permit.

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru .....November 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Gneisenau .....November 17.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 29th October).	Emp. of Asia .....November 18.
Shanghai	Tyndareus .....November 18.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kiungchow .....November 18.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 20th October	Terukuni Maru .....November 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 13th Nov.	Imperial Airways Plane, November 19.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
	Thursday	
Saigon	Chenonceaux	Nov. 17, 1 p.m.
Japan	Atuta Maru	Nov. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Japan	Hosang	Nov. 17, 5 p.m.
Manila & Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Gneisenau	Nov. 17, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Lyeemoon	Nov. 17, 6.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th Nov.	Imperial Airways Plane	Nov. 17,
	K.P.O.—Reg., ...	Nov. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord., ...	Nov. 17, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.—Reg., ...	Nov. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord., ...	Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 26th Nov.	Imperial Airways Plane	Nov. 17,
	K.P.O.—Reg., ...	Nov. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord., ...	Nov. 17, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.—Reg., ...	Nov. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord., ...	Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
	Friday	
Swatow	Taiyuan	Nov. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Soochow	Nov. 18, Noon.
Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta.	Kumsang	Nov. 18, Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Chuanchow	Haiching	Nov. 18, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain & Eire) via Siberia..	Terukuni Maru	Nov. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Nov. 18, 3.30 p.m.

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TAIPING	6 Jan.	13 Jan.	16 Jan.	1 Feb.
CHANGTE	7 Feb.	14 Feb.	17 Feb.	5 Mar.
TAIPING	10 Mar.	17 Mar.	20 Mar.	5 Apr.

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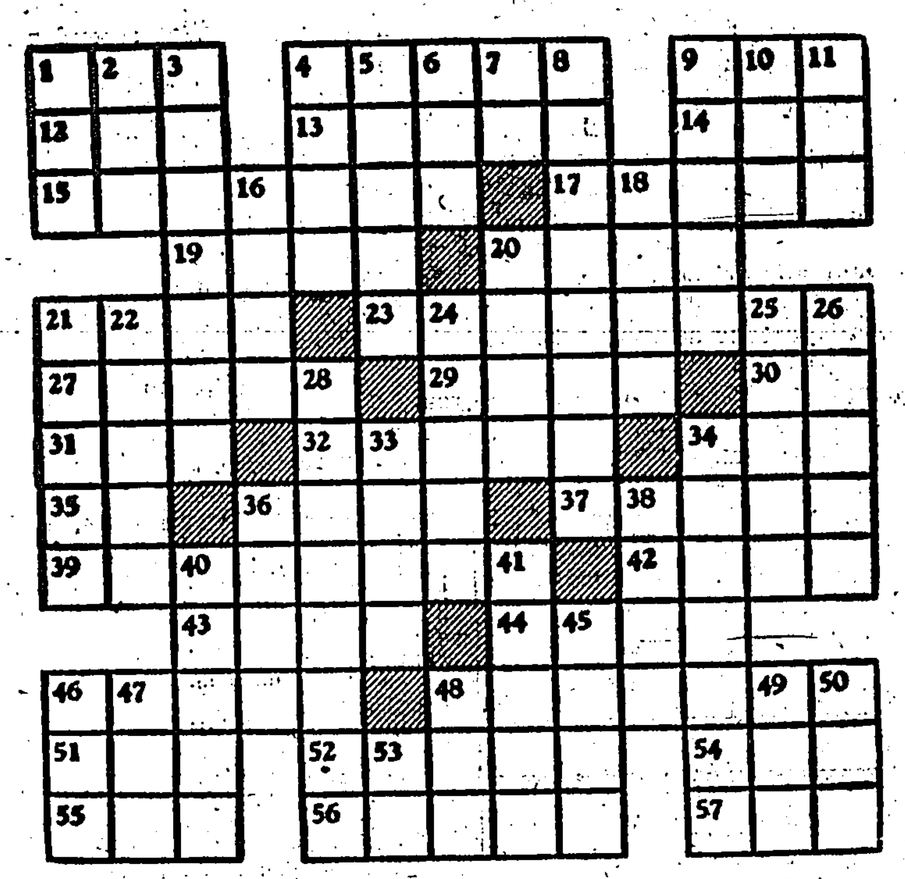

HORIZONTAL

1 Ganoid fish
4 Panic
9 Gloomy
12 Beverage
13 Containing silver
14 Impertinent peeping
15 Skill
17 Equally
19 Detent
20 To redact
21 Sandarac
23 Grating
27 Beatified soul
29 Ages
30 Either
31 Title
32 To cook
34 Part of boot
35 Pronoun
36 Proposals
37 To expunge
39 Heeded
42 Cards
43 War god
44 Death notice
46 Women's apartment
48 Digging
51 Vestment
52 Indians
54 Card game
55 Dance step
56 Forwards
57 Greek letter

VERTICAL

1 Rotating piece
2 Palm leaf (variant)
3 Hopelessness
4 Killed
5 Ringlets
6 Appreciable
7 Hawk-head deity
8 To shoot forth
9 Malice
10 Refuge
11 Colour
16 Mountain lake
18 Caps
20 Mistakes
21 Old name for Assyria
22 To elevate
24 To plague
25 Loop
26 Corners
28 Three banked galleys
33 Betting figures
34 Perceptible
36 Denuded
38 Incursion
40 Clothes
41 Colloquial: predicted
45 Voice
46 Chance
47 Armpit
48 Wrong
49 Negative
50 Tibetan gazelle
53 Note of scale

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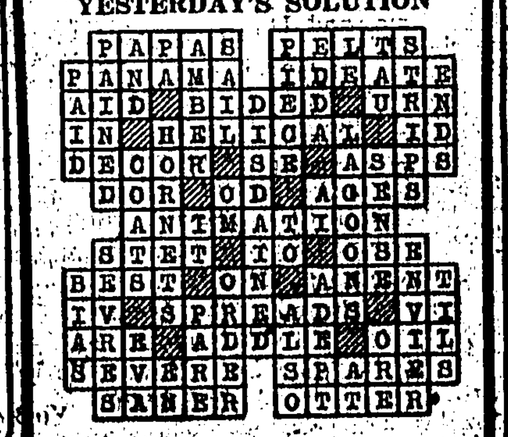

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	La Plata Maru	Thur.,	29th Dec.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo	Manila Maru		3rd Jan. 39.
	Arabia Maru	Mon.,	5th Dec.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Kanto Maru	Fri.,	18th Nov.
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan-Deli & Rangoon			
JAPAN PORTS			
JAPAN via Takao and Keelung			
KEELUNG via Takao & Amoy	Canton Maru	Fri.,	16th Nov.
	Canton Maru	Fri.,	30th Nov.

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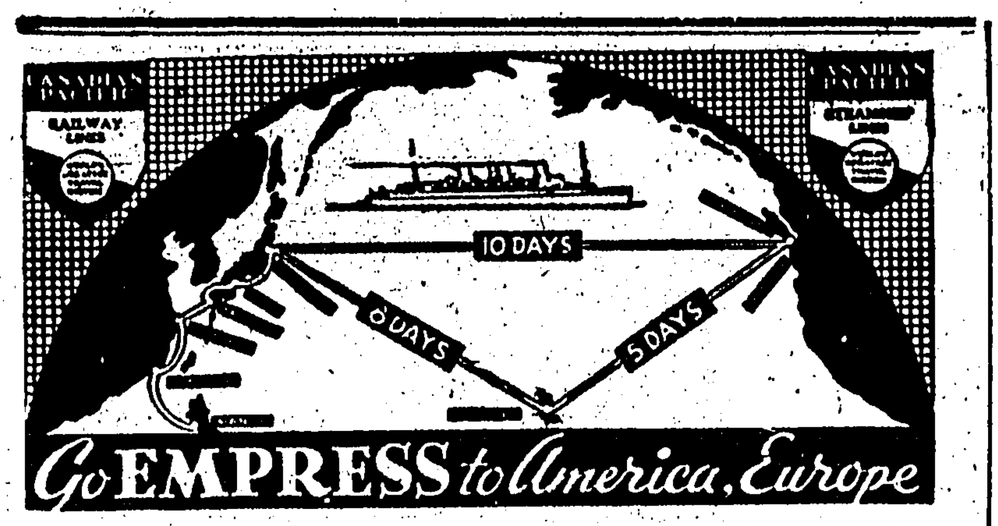

Empress of	Hong Kong Leave	Shanghai Arrive	Nagasaki Leave	Kobe Leave	Yokohama Leave	Honolulu Leave	Vancouver Victoria Arrive
Asia	Nov. 25	Nov. 27	Nov. 29	Dec. 1	Dec. 3	—	Dec. 12
Canada	Dec. 9	Dec. 11	—	Dec. 14	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 28
Russia	Dec. 23	Dec. 25	Dec. 27	Dec. 29	Dec. 31	—	Jan. 9

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SS "PRESIDENT MONROE" SAILS DEC. 2nd at 12 Noon
SS "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" „ DEC. 11th at 5.00 A.M.
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Sub-inspector Thorpe.

Sub Inspectors

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Sergeants Mottram, George, and Ellis.

Crown Sergeants

Lance Sergeants Carruthers, Howell, Mawer Clark (90) and Bowers.

VILLAGE SACKED BY JAPANESE

Ng Ying, partner of fishing Junk No. T2580H, has reported to the police on arrival here, that on November 11, in the bay of Au Tau, Japanese warships carried out a punitive expedition. His boat was lying in the bay with two old rifles aboard. He tried to remove the arms and ammunition to a house in the village, but at about 12.30 p.m. the Japanese landed and destroyed all the houses in the village including Ng's house.

NEW EGYPTIAN DECREE

Cairo, To-day.

The regulations concerning naturalisation of foreigners in Egypt have been tightened up by a decree of the government, which in order to prevent alien elements obtaining undue influence, enacts that in future all persons seeking naturalisation in Egypt must be able to speak and write the Arabic language. — Trans-Ocean.

Miss A. L. Smith, residing at the Helena May, was, at about 7.15 p.m. yesterday, victim of a snatcher while walking in Garden Road, near the Institute. The bag and contents were valued at $62.

FORTY POUNDS OF FAT WENT LIKE MAGIC

Young Woman's Success in Reducing

Seven months ago, this young woman received a nasty shock. She discovered that her weight was 13 st. 8 lbs.—and she was only twenty-five! Her discovery of a reducing treatment that worked like magic is best told in her own words:—

"I am twenty-five years old, and 5 ft. 6 ins. tall. Three years ago, I started to gain weight at an alarming rate. I did not realise how much weight I had actually gained until last August, when curiosity got the better of me, and I got on a scale—and nearly fainted. I weighed exactly 13 st. 8 lbs. I tried dieting—but what I lost one week I would gain the next. So I experimented with various remedies. Eventually I took Kruschen, and at the same time modified my diet. This method worked like magic. I am now down to 10 st. 10 lbs., a loss of 40 lbs. in seven months!"—(Miss) J.W.

Kruschen combats the cause of fat by assisting the internal organs to throw off each day those waste products and poisons which, if allowed to accumulate, will be converted by the body's chemistry into fatty tissue.

POLISH PLOT TROUBLE IN RUTHENIA

Hust, To-day.

Hungarian and Polish agents trying to incite the population of Carpatho-Ruthenia to demand cession to Hungary as desired by Poland, are becoming more and more evident in Hust, the new capital of Autonomous Carpatho-Ruthenia.

A band of men from Poland blew up a bridge at Voloschanka yesterday and then withdrew into the impenetrable forests.

Gendarmes gave chase but were unable to catch the culprits.

The police in Hust broke up a secret meeting yesterday, among those present being the secretary of the former Carpatho-Ruthenian Minister, Fencik, who after the cession of a part of Carpatho-Ruthenia went over to the Hungarian side.

Fencik is now in Hungarian territory.

The Autonomous Government of Carpatho-Ruthenia is taking stern measures against agents from foreign States. — Trans-Ocean.

TEA THEFT ACCUSATION

Chan Mok-shui, 21, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy, when he pleaded not guilty to stealing a quantity of tea from the Hai Ching.

Mr. J. S. Grossett, second mate, said that at about 5.35 p.m. yesterday, he saw defendant with a sack of tea leaves in his possession, detained by an Indian Guard. The Guard said defendant took the tea leaves from the hold.

Defendant said he was one of the crew of the ship. He had an argument with the guard, because he did not give him money, and the guard accused him of stealing the tea.

Det. Sergeant C. Dowman is in charge of the case.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

MINING

Raubs $9 b.
Atamoks Ps. .48 sa.
Atoks Ps. .28 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .24½ sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 13.10 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .53 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .0035 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .29 sa.
I. X. L. Ps. .71 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. 1.82 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .21 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .52 sa.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways $16½ sa.
Peak Trams (Old) $6¾ b.
Yaumati Ferries (Old) $23 b.
China Lights (Old) $10.40 b., $10.60 s.
H. K. Electrics $57¼ s.

MISCELLANEOUS

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% pm. b.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20 and forward at 19-5/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.70.87 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.$4.70.

HONOUR FOR CHINESE SCHOLAR

Brussels, November 7.

Dr. Siao Kiang-fang, obtained a special doctorate degree to-day after submitting a thesis upon the "Constitutional Evolution of Modern China."

It is the first time that a Chinese student has presented the Brussels University with a special doctorate thesis equivalent to a test for fellowship.

BACKGROUND OF TRAGEDY OF CENTRAL EUROPE

(*Continued from Page 15*)

And then, when he realised the astonishment of the Chancellor and his indignation, Hitler entered into his second fit of rage.

'Yes ....Are you not aware that you are in the presence of the greatest German that history had ever known?" Schuschnigg was completely consternated.

He then entered upon a lengthy description of the formidable means at his disposal to assure his power. From time to time, he interrupted this enumeration, to admit one or the other of the generals waiting in the lobby, who replied to questions prepared in advance, that this and that army corps was ready to march. There was above all and constantly question of two armoured and motorised divisions, of which Schuschnigg himself would soon have an opportunity of realising the efficacy of material and offensive power. Finally, the supreme chief of the German army was called into the study and asked to confirm personally all that the other generals and Hitler himself had said on the readiness and the preparation of the German army.

Schuschnigg was then graciously permitted to withdraw and to reflect upon the Fuehrer's desiderata. The latter had been handed to the Chancellor in writing by one of Hitler's adjutants. Hitler conversed for a moment with General Keitel.

Meanwhile, the atmosphere in the lobby was sultry and difficult otherwise to describe. When Hitler raised his voice and some words could be heard through the door, we had the impression that the master of Germany was unable to control his rage.

"This is very rare" apologised one of his adjutants.

Guido Schmidt had assumed his most ironical expression. Ribbentrop was bordering on apoplexy. When General Keitel finally returned to the lobby, he stood in front of Ribbentrop and loudly talked of such military measures as might be taken in the event of war.

Guido Schmidt was then summoned to Schuschnigg, who handed him the *long list of German desiderata* with an expression of resignation. In haste, both of them sat down to draft a list of Austrian counter-proposals. Schuschnigg was again summoned by Hitler, who informed him that he must decide at once, failing which, he said, he would take "other decisions."

He warned him against the idea that he could count upon the assistance of foreign Powers, and took this opportunity of setting forth his own idea as to the international political situation. He attached no great importance to the Western Powers. *As regards England, her world suzerainty had met with failure upon failure since the war. Yet another failure and she would break down entirely. France did not even enter into the question.* The only force remaining to her, was at the maximum, defensive. But she had long ceased to play on the European chessboard the role of a Great Power. This was the result of her lack of unity and of her internal divisions.

While Hitler's shouts pierced the thickness of the study door, a German officer informed the private secretary of the Chancellor:

"He has often these fits of rage and is less and less inclined to tolerate a reply. For instance, he has for several months taken a dislike to the military attache in Paris, General Kuhlenthal, because the latter has warned him against underestimating the preparation and the value of the French army, and, in particular, because the attache once told him that there was hardly any kind of communist influence in the army."

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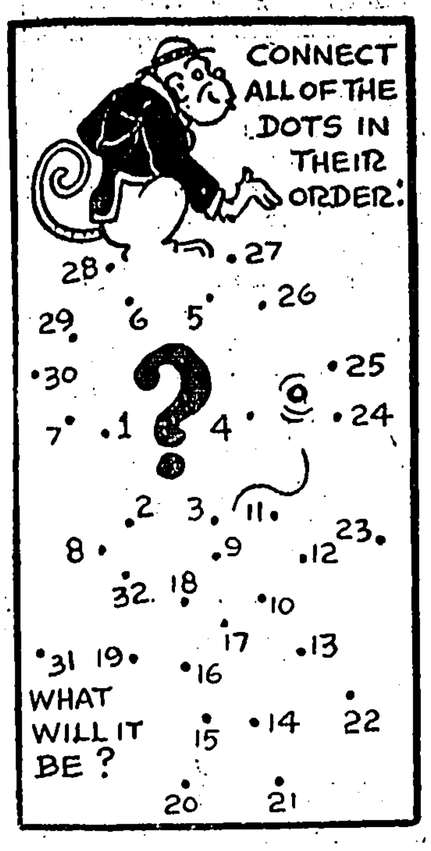

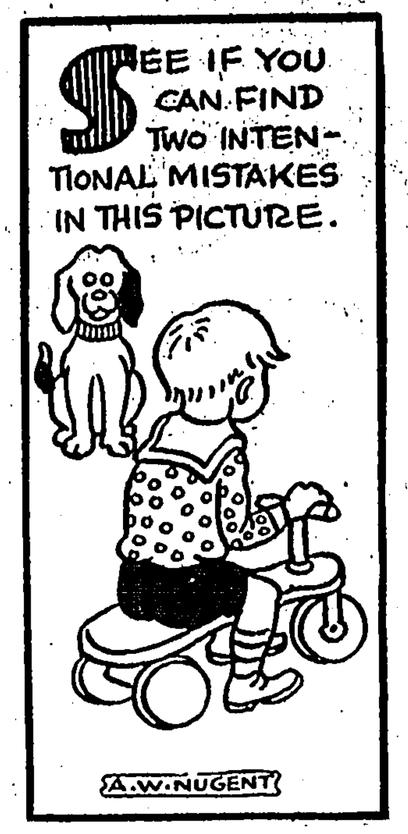

Answer to-morrow.

LORD MAYOR HONOURED

London, To-day.

King Carol has bestowed upon the Lord Mayor the Order of the Crown of Rumania.

At the Rumanian Legation yesterday afternoon, King Carol and the Crown Prince received members of the Rumanian colony in London.

Earlier, King George of Greece, who has been in London on a private visit for some time, called on King Carol at Buckingham Palace, and later in the afternoon King Carol received Mr. Neville Chamberlain, with whom he had a conversation.

The Rumanian Foregin Minister, who has accompanied King Carol to London, saw the Foreign Secretary at the House of Lords yesterday evening.—British Wrieless.

BODY OF VON RATH CONVEYED TO GERMANY

Aachen, To-day.

The special train carrying the mortal remains of the German legation Counsellor, Ernst vom Rath, assassinated in Paris reached the German border at Aachen yesterday morning.

A guard of honour presented arms when the train entered the station, where thousands paid silent tribute to the dead.

The Secretary of State, Baron von Weizsaecker, represented the Foreign Office at the ceremony before the catafalque where the provincial party leader, Grohe, made a speech voicing "the horror felt by the German people at the crime, and expressing gratitude to the French people for their sympathy."

The funeral will take place at Duesseldorf to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH VIEW OF JEWISH PROBLEM

Paris, To-day.

The question of admitting Jews from Germany into different European countries was, according to wellinformed circles, discussed here last night.

The French attitude seems to be that in view of the fact that France during the last years has given hospitality to a large number of emigres from Germany and Austria, other countries should show the same readiness to help before France can further assist Jewish refugees.—Trans-Ocean.

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Good Start To Ladies' Hockey

BUT PLENTY OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Ladies' hockey made good start last Saturday with a programme of two senior and four junior encounters, the matches providing much for comment. The standard of ladies' hockey has not deteriorated much owing to the changes in team personnel, although several of the sides will have to effect changes before the season is many weeks old.

BY "STICKS"

The Hong Kong Ladies-C.B.A. Ladies Caer Clark Cup encounter, at the Valley, was marred to a great extent by the bumpy nature of the ground, although there was plenty of talent on view to make the afternoon an interesting one.

C.B.A. Ladies are probably the strongest challengers to "Y" Ladies for the senior title, but they will have to considerably improve their defence if they hope to achieve a modicum of success.

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Not Happy

Miss D. Moss is not, and never will be quite happy in goal, and I think that by moving her out to either one of the two full-back positions or to a wing-half berth, the C.B.A. would strengthen their defence.

Miss Everest was a complete failure and rarely swept the ball cleanly down the field, her mishits being too many to enumerate. Miss Whitley proved deadly in her tackling, but her subsequent clearances were wasted, being invariably sent into touch.

Miss I. Woolley and Miss J. Booker were the pick of the halves, Miss C. Bone, at left-half, being very weak, particularly in tackling. She gave Mrs. Scrimgeour too much wing combination excellent support. Miss Purves, at left-half, was very weak and lost in her position, although she tried hard to hold up the dangerous right-wing opposition pair.

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Must Improve Attack

H. K. Ladies can and most improve their attack. With Miss M. Smalley available this week, she should fill the right-wing berth while Mrs. Scrimgeour should be transferred to inside-left where she should considerably strengthen the inside-trio, which would then comprise Miss Simpson, Miss Barry and Mrs. Scrimgeour.

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A Belated Start

Central British School sadly missed the services of the Booker sisters and Miss Ewing, all three of whom have left school and are now playing for C.B.A. Ladies. The Schoolgirls made a belated debut in the Caer Clark Cup series, losing to St. Andrew's Ladies by four clear goals.

A weak defence in which Miss Nora Witchell stood head and shoulders above the rest, was unable to hold the fast Saints' attack and the Schoolgirls had to be content with playing a defensive game, although occasionally they made an attempt to break through their opponents' stronger defence.

Miss J. Petigura, Miss J. Wong and Miss H. Reid made a most effective half-back trio, almost up to Interport standard the first two having represented Shanghai and Hong Kong, respectively.

Miss P. Gittins played an inspired game as centre-forward and led her attack with judicious passes, while she received admirable support from Miss F. Wong, on the right-wing and Miss E. Greiner, at inside-left.

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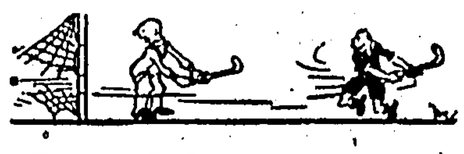
Mrs. Slater Again

Of the Brawn Cup matches "Y" Ladies caused an unexpected defeat when they beat Recreio "A" by a solitary goal. Splendid work at right-back by Mrs. Slater provided the outstanding feature of this encounter. "Y" attack made the mistake of concentrating in the centre, instead of swinging the ball about.

Miss Nancy Eardley, making her first appearance in Hong Kong, gave a promising display at inside-left and gave Miss Ina Buchanan every encouragement. Mrs. Grant, on the right-wing, is not quite ready for competitive hockey and a short rest would probably do her some good.

Mrs. White and Miss Dsirne were the pick of the halves, while Miss Ambrose made the best out of her unusual position in goal, *although she would do well to remember that it is much safer to use her pads than her stick with grounders.*



Recreio Ladies, on paper, were much stronger than their opponents, but although they swung the ball about from wing to wing, they failed to make the most of their opportunities in the circle.

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Sturdy Backs

Miss M. Rebeiro and Miss O. Botelho make a sturdy pair of backs, while in front of them Miss P. Gonsalves, in the pivotal berth, was very sound in her constructional play and held her line together in excellent manner.

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C.B.A. SHOW IMPROVEMENT

C.B.A. Ladies proved much too good for the Schoolgirls in their Brawn Cup encounter, displaying a marked improvement on last year's form. Miss Duckworth was the best of the four backs on view, Miss Dunne hesitating before tackling and being a trifle slow in disposing of the ball.

Mrs. Webb, at right-half, and Miss Black, pivot, were the best of the halves on view, the latter working very hard throughout and putting in a tremendous amount of spoiling and sound distribution.

Although their forwards were far superior to that of the Schoolgirls, there was little to choose between the five players, Miss Crawford being very steady on the right-wing, while Miss M. McAlpine also did her stuff at inside-left.

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Seaforths Good!

Seaforth Ladies will probably be one of the strongest challengers for the title this season, and their overwhelming superiority over St. Andrew's juniors was most noticeable.

Mrs. Akroyd continues to be their most effective forward although it would be unfair not to pay a tribute to their hard-working half-back trio. St. Andrew's are, however, comprised for the most part of newcomers to the game and they should find their best form late in the season.

C.B.A. Defence And H.K. Ladies' Attack Weak

Seaforth Ladies Strong Contenders For Title

rope and was rarely in position to intercept a pass. She should find her place in the junior team.

There is much to be rectified in the left-wing combination, in attack. Mrs. Stoker was rarely in position to take a pass from Mrs. White and invariably did the obvious when in possession—sending the ball out to the wing instead of down the centre of the field, where Miss M. Booker and Mrs. White might have stood a very good chance of taking the ball through for a score.

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A Trifle Slow

Hong Kong Ladies were also weak in several departments particularly at left-half and at inside-left. Mrs. Lunson was very safe between the sticks, while Miss Hutchison was easily the pick of the four backs on display. Miss Green, however, was a trifle slow in clearing her line and in giving support to her colleague.

Miss Pope is still one of the best halves in the Colony and did wonders in the centre, while Mrs. Dalziel, at right-half, was also very hard-working, giving her right-

PLAYER INJURED AND HOCKEY GAME ABANDONED

A painful injury was sustained by Lt. Patterson in the hockey match between Royal Scots and Hong Kong Hockey Club, at King's Park, yesterday.

Patterson slipped and a team-mate hit him on the face, breaking his glasses and cutting him below the eye. He was carried off the field.

The game was abandoned with the Club leading by one goal to nil, T. D. Whitley having scored just before the interval.

The match was played at a very fast pace, Club displaying better team work. Two easy goals were missed for the Club by S. A. Fowler and Divett.

JOE DAVIS'S WORLD RECORD SNOOKER BREAK

London, To-day. — Joe Davis, world's finest snooker player, yesterday established a new world record break of 187 to better his own of 135 recorded last year against Horace Lindrum.—Reuter.

"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

European Golf Assn. And Ball Tests

TESTS carried out on British courses this year which showed that there has been little if any increase in the carrying power of the golf ball during the past six years, are referred to in a report to be considered by the European Golf Association, at its annual general meeting in Luxembourg.

At Moortown, Leeds, during the English Amateur Championship, the average flight of the ball (without run) was 214.38 yards. In the Walker Cup match at St. Andrews in May, the average was 218.8 yards—identical with the figures provided by tests at Troon during the Amateur Championship. At Malone (Ireland) in May, with the wind against the players, the average was 210 yards.

Tests in 1932 provided an average of 214 yards at Troon, and of 216 yards on Royal Mid-Surrey course.

This year's trials were made to provide data for considering the question of reducing the present efficiency of the golf ball, which has been under review by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

The Executive Committee of the European Association also report that the British Golf Unions' Joint Advisory Council, at the request of the Royal and Ancient Club, appointed a special sub-committee for the purpose of considering the question of amateur status. The committee's findings are now being considered by the Royal and Ancient Club.

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Farr Suspended By N.B.A. of America

TOMMY FARR has been suspended indefinitely by the National Boxing Association of America in accordance with the rule agreed to at the recent meeting of the World Boxing Commissions in Rome, whereby a boxer suspended by one member of the Commission shall automatically become suspended by the others.

Farr was recently suspended by the British Boxing Board of Control until he paid £750 to the promoter, Mr. Sydney Hulls.

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Britain's Strong Monte Carlo Rally Bid

FROM reports reaching Nice it seems that the British motor industry is going to make a strong effort to win the principal awards in the 1939 Monte Carlo rally. Britain has always swept the board in the competition for the most comfortable car, but it is many years since she won the event for the best all-round performance.

The Monte Carlo rally is an endurance race, lasting four days and nights. It is made very trying, because competitors have to start from remote points in Europe, travel over unprepared roads, and once on their way they can expect little or no assistance.

Many people consider the rally the finest test devised for cars, for it packs in a few days the experience it would otherwise take years to gain.

The list of prizewinners since 1924 shows that France has won the trophy no fewer than nine times, the United States three times, Great Britain twice (1926 and 1931), and Italy once.

Experience proves that the rally trophy is won on the eliminating tests held partly on the last part of the road journey and at Monte Carlo. They include tests of speed, braking, acceleration, &c.

CHUNG WAH MAKE GOOD BADMINTON DEBUT

Chung Wah, a new Badminton League entry, made their debut yesterday evening and proved too strong for the V.R.C.

The Fisher-Rumjahn and Ulrich-Xavier combinations did quite well, winning a game each and fully extending the opposition.

W. Fisher and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.).
beat S. F. Lee and W. H. Choy 23—20
lost to P. C. Leung and S. C. Liang ..... 21—24
lost to C. F. Chiu and H. S. Chau ..... 21—24

O. el Arculli and S. Castro (V.R.C.).
lost to Lee and Choy ..... 8—21
lost to Leung and Liang ..... 15—21
lost to Chiu and Chau ..... 5—21

A. Ulrich and D. Xavier (V.R.C.).
beat Lee and Choy ..... 21—11
lost to Leung and Liang ..... 23—24
lost to Chiu and Chau ..... 16—21

ST. JOHN'S WIN

F. H. Kwok and R. Beavan (St. John's).
beat T. J. Ong and C. Y. Yung 21—13
beat S. L. Cheung and J. S. Ho 21—12
beat S. W. Liang and E. S. Ho 21— 6

T. Wilson and N. Smith (St. John's).
beat Ong and Yung ..... 21—10
beat Cheung and Ho ..... 21—13
beat Liang and Ho ..... 21—17

D. Kwok and S. Newman (St. John's).
beat Ong and Yung ..... 21—10
beat Cheung and Ho ..... 21—13
lost to Liang and Ho ..... 21—24

M.C.C. TOUR OF INDIA NEXT YEAR

PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Madras, November 1.

Provisional arrangements for the M.C.C. team's tour of India late next year have been decided upon by the sub-committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

These provide for the team to arrive in India on October 12, and remain until February 10, 1940, during which period they will play 26 matches, including three Tests. There will be only 76 days of cricket. Travelling has been cut down to the minimum, and there will be plenty of rest. Ceylon has not been included in the itinerary.

There will be 20 matches against provincial associations, and one match each against the Combined Universities, the Maharajah of Patiala's XI, and the Cricket Club of India. — Press Association.

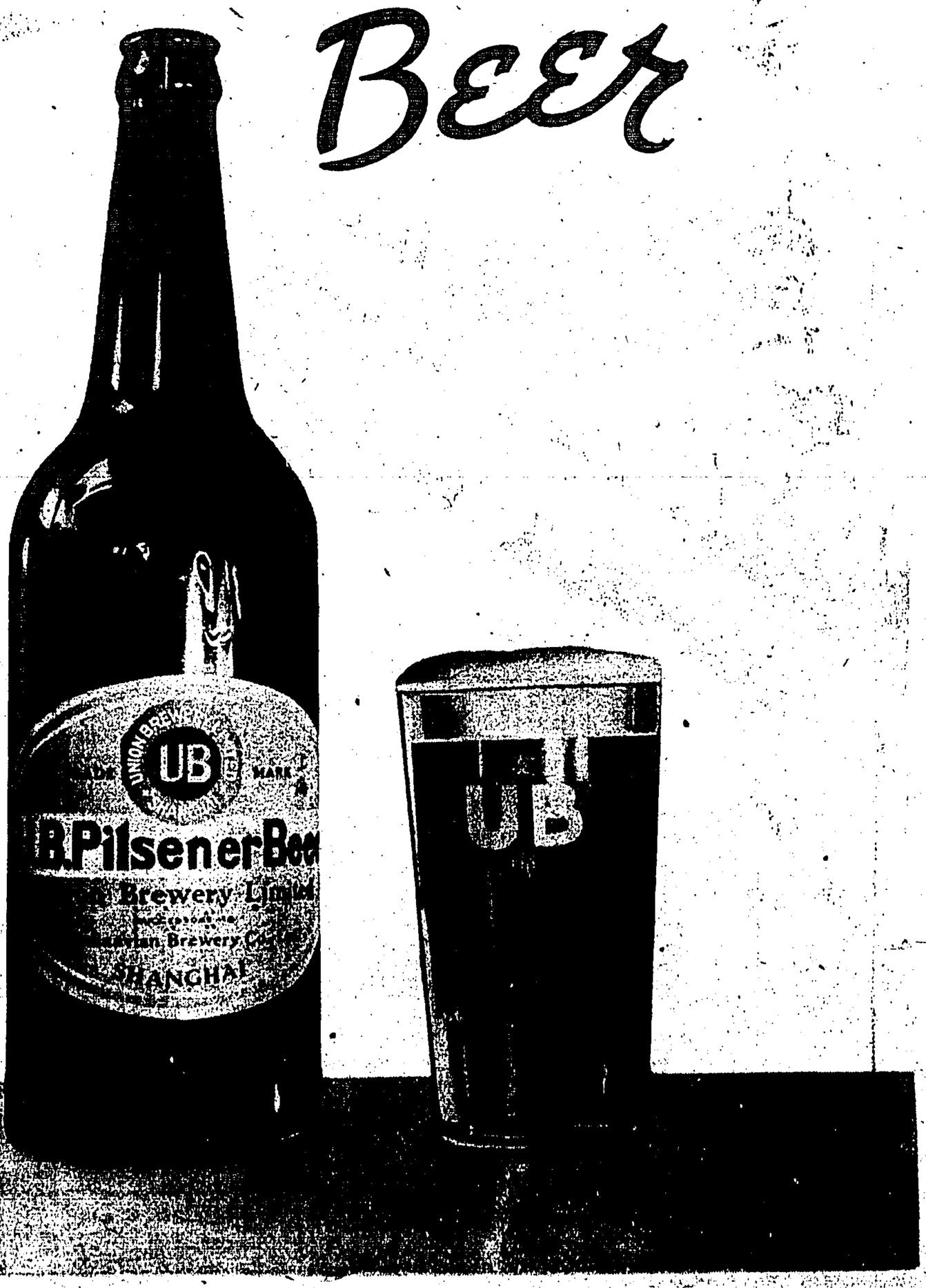
MOLLER TO RIDE?

(By "RAPIER")

Interest in the Hong Kong St. Leger has been greatly enhanced by the announcement, which I learned from a reliable source, that Mr. R. B. Moller, who rode Silkylight with such conspicuous success during the Annual Race Meeting, is in Hong Kong, accompanied by his father, Mr. Eric Moller, for the special purpose of riding the pony to-morrow.

Harry Lister, former middleweight champion of New Zealand, is comfortably settled as a ring instructor in England, with some lucrative side-issues, such as film work. He gives boxing lessons at boys' clubs on five evenings each week, and has over 400 pupils under him.

The Popular Beer



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HARRY THOMAS BANNED FROM PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, To-day.

As a sequel to the Tony Galento-Harry Thomas heavyweight eliminator bout result last Tuesday, Thomas has been banned from reappearing in any fight in Philadelphia because his showing is regarded as being unsatisfactory.—Reuter.

V. G. J. Jenkins, the classy English Rugby Union player landed a goal in the first Test against the Springboks from eight yards inside his own territory, which constitutes a record for the ground. The buoyant air of Johannesburg favours lengthy kicking.

Duke Of Kent And Golf Boys' Championship

(By AIR MAIL)

London, November 4, (By AIR MAIL).—The Duke of Kent presided at the annual business meeting of the Boys' Championship Committee at the Golfers' Club in London yesterday.

The Duke, in acknowledging a vote of thanks by the chairman, Mr. D. M. Mathieson, said that he was particularly pleased to see when he was at St. Andrews for the last Walker Cup match against America, that no fewer than five members of the British team had distinguished themselves in boys' championships. "This alone," added the Duke, "proves the great value of this championship. I look forward to being able to see the championship myself on some future occasion."

It was reported that next year's championship would be held at Carnoustie from August 22 to 26, and the meeting adopted a proposal that the 1940 championship should be held at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's.

T. G. Snowball (Romford) and O. Wynn (Glasgow Academy) were appointed captains of England and Scotland respectively for the international match, which will precede next year's championship.

AMERICAN GIRL SOFTBALLERS REQUIRE BIG GUARANTEE

Mr. Vic Hugo, who is making arrangements in Hong Kong for the American Girls' Softball team, has received a cable from Manila, where the Americans are at present, requesting a fifty per cent. interest in the gross gate with a guarantee of U.S.$500 for an appearance in the Colony.

Manila Soccer XI For Colony?

Shanghai Interports Shelved Till 1939

Filipinos Find February Difficult Period

DEFINITE DECISION EXPECTED SOON

(By "UBIQUE")

THE DECISION OF THE LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION NOT TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE SHANGHAI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO SEND A TEAM NORTH IN FEBRUARY, FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, MUST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITH MIXED FEELINGS BY A LARGE NUMBER OF FOOTBALLERS AND FOLLOWERS ALIKE.

Through the axe of economic wielded during the past two seasons, the Association's financial position is fairly sound, although there is apparently not sufficient in the coffers to enable the Association to visit Shanghai.

The credit balance now stands at a little over $4,000 and the revenue producing games of this season have still to be played and amounts to be derived from these game cannot be estimated with any degree of certainty. Several factors play an important part in big gate receipts, first of which is the presence of a Chinese team on the field and, while in the past this might have been sufficient to draw a crowd, the average Chinese spectator requires the promise of a good game in addition, —that is, that the opposition must also be good!

Referees and linesmen fees and medals are the main items of expenditure and these amount to a large sum during a season, so that normally the Association actually lives a hand to mouth existence and a visit to Shanghai would probably absorb their reserve and leave little in hand—a position the present committee would not like to see.

The Association does not appear willing to take a gamble with its finances, but they are by no means keen to see the series dropped.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMMITTEE HAVE ADDED A RECOMMENDATION TO THEIR DECISION THAT, IF THE FINANCIAL POSITION AT THE END OF THE SEASON IS SATISFACTORY, THE INTERPORT MATTER WILL AGAIN BE BROUGHT UP AND THAT AN ENDEAVOUR WILL BE MADE TO SEND A TEAM UP TO SHANGHAI IN NOVEMBER, 1939, SO THAT SHANGHAI WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT HONG KONG IN THE SPRING OF 1940.

It will, however, be a source of satisfaction to local football followers and to aspirants for Interport honours to learn that the local Association have communicated with Manila with a view to inviting them here in February, next Chinese New Year.

Manila were anxious to participate in the Interport if held in Hong Kong, and it is certain that they will do their utmost to visit us in the Spring.

Mr. R. L. Ildefenso, local representative of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation informed the local Association that there were several small points on the conditions of their visit here, to be decided, but Manila's greatest difficulty in visiting the Colony in February would be the task of getting together the best side.

Most of their outstanding footballers are University students and the final examinations are held about the middle of February!

December would have been the ideal time for them owing to the Christmas holidays, but the local Association have a heavy programme during that month.

The matter of their proposed visit will be discussed shortly, and it should be possible for a definite decision to be arrived at by the end of the month, thus giving the local Association ample time to make arrangements.

DRAW FOR F.A. CUP 1ST ROUND

London, To-day.

The draw for the First Round (Proper) of the Football Association Cup Competition which takes place on November 26, is as follows:

Chester v. Bradford City
Doncaster v. Brighton
Halifax v. Rochdale
Lincoln v. Barrow
Horden Welfare v. Chorley
Hartlepools v. Accrington
Walsall v. Carlisle
Scarborough v. Southport
Oldham v. Crewe
Scunthorpe v. Lancaster City
Hull v. Rotherham
Runcorn v. Wellington Town
Darlington v. Stalybridge
Wrexham v. Port Vale
Gainsborough Trinity v. Gateshead
North Shields v. Stockport
South Liverpool or Workington v. Mansfield
Southend v. Dartford or Corinthians
Folkestone v. Colchester United
Swindon v. Lowestoft Town
Walthamstow Avenue v. Tunbridge Wells Rangers
Yeovil and Petters v. Brighton and Hove
Chelmsford City v. Kidderminster Harriers or Burton Town
Ipswich Town v. Street
Bournemouth v. Bristol City
Reading v. Newport
Watford v. Northampton
Crystal Palace v. Queen's Park Rangers
Torquay v. Exeter
Aldershot v. Guildford City
Bristol Rovers v. Peterborough United
Cheltenham Town v. Cardiff
Clapton Orient v. Hayes
Bromley v. Apsley

— Reuter.

Joe Louis, left, Negro holder of the world's heavyweight boxing championship, will defend his title against John Henry Lewis, New Jersey bar-tender, early in the new year, but is expected to retain his title.

England's Smashing Soccer Triumph

Hall Establishes Two New International Records

Old Trafford, Manchester, To-day.

William Hall, Tottenham Hotspurs' inside-right, gave a brilliant display of opportunism and marksmanship, scoring five goals to help England overwhelm Ireland by 7 goals to nil yesterday, in their International Association Football classic, which was played here.

Hall's feat for England is an International record, while his three goals in three minutes is the first of International fast scoring records.

The Irish defenders were unable to hold in check the fast English forwards, whose long swinging passes and brilliant combination proved too much for them.

DEADLY TACKLING

The Irish forwards were given little of the ball, deadly tackling by the English backs nullifying their efforts. Lawton, at centre-forward, and Matthews, outside-right, were England's other goal-scorers.

England commenced with a rush and dominated their opponents in the early stages of the initial half, leading at the interval by four clear goals. They continued in winning vein and never looked back.

Ireland's defeat ensures that they will finish at the bottom of the International table.

England:—Woodley (Chelsea); Morris (Wolverhampton), Hapgood (Arsenal), captain; Willingham (Huddersfield), Cullis (Wolves), Mercer (Sheffield United); Matthews (Stoke), Hall, G. W. (Spurs), Lawton (Everton), J. E. Stephenson (Leeds) and S. Smith (Leicester City).

Ireland:—Twoomey (Leeds); Hayes (Huddersfield) and Cook (Everton); Brolly (Millwall), McMillen (Chesterfield) and Brown (Leeds); Cochrane (Leeds), Stephenson (Everton), Baird (Huddersfield); Doherty (Manchester City) and Brown (Birmingham).

PAST RESULTS

The following were the results for the past 10 seasons:

1928-29	England 2—1
1929-30	England 3—0
1930-31	England 5—1
1931-32	England 6—2
1932-33	England 1—0
1933-34	England 3—0
1934-35	England 2—1
1935-36	England 3—1
1936-37	England 3—1
1937-38	England 5—1
1938-39	England 7—0

Of the total number of games played, England have now won 42, lost four and drawn seven. England have scored 204 goals against 42 by Ireland.

C.B.R. SARGENT'S XI DEFEATS D.B.S.

In a cricket match at the Diocesan Boys' School yesterday, the Rev. C. B. R. Sargent's team defeated the School by 56 runs.

Mr. Sargent's XI:—138 (D. Crary, 5 for 62, and S. K. Cheung, 5 for 62).

Diocesan Boys' School:—82 (F. J. Lay 21, D. Crary 22, S. K. Cheung 20, H. Owen Hughes, 5 for 30, C. B. R. Sargent, 4 for 28).

ROYAL SCOTS RUGBY VICTORY OVER CLUB

Club "A" were defeated by 3 tries (9 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) by the Royal Scots in a friendly Rugby match at Happy Valley yesterday.

D. H. Stewart loaned to the Royal Scots, scored one of the three tries against the Club. The Club scored through Henderson and Dunnett, one of these tries being converted by Henderson.

Helen Lockhart With Z.B.W. Orchestra

To-day's Wireless

Programme Of Tchaikowsky Compositions

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and Alfredo Campoli & Orchestra.

The Knave Of Diamonds (Steela); Love In Idleness—Serenata (Mac-Beth).....Alfredo Campoli & His Salon Orchestra.

To-day Is The Day (Buch)....Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with chorus and Orchestra.

An Old World Garden.....Alfredo Campoli & His Salon Orchestra.

You Lovely Ladies (Siegel); Because I Love You, Bella Lucia! (Muhler-Schuite)..... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Chorus & Orchestra.

Canzonetta (D'Ambrosio); Cavatina (Raff)....Alfredo Campoli & His Salon Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

Blue Prelude (Bishop); Swing Along (Cook) ..... with Orchestra.

Shenandosh (arr Terry) .....with Piano.

1.13 p.m.—Terance Casey at the Organ.

The Irish Organist—Medley (arr. T. Casey).

Fifty Years Of Song. Intro: Soldiers of the King; Where did you get that hat; Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay; After the Ball is over; Lilly of Laguna; In the shade of the old apple tree; I love a lassie; Let's all go down the Strand; You made me love you; A Broken Doll; Swanee; Romona; Love is the sweetest thing.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto In E Flat Major, K. 365 for Two Pianos. Played by Artur Schnabel & Karl Ulrich Schnabel and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Beethoven — Sonata in B Flat Major, Op. 22. Played by Artur Schnabel (Piano).

7.30 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

The Sailor Likes His Bottle-O; Clear The Track, Let The Bullgine Run (arr. Terry).

One More Day; On The Banks Of Scramento (arr. Harris).

A Dollar And A Half A Day; The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry).
....John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

7.40 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra in an English Programme with Helen Lockhart (Contralto).

1. Orchestra.

2. (a). Deirdre's Farewell to Scotland ("Songs of the Hebrides") (arr. Kennedy-Fraser); (b) Sigh no more, Ladies (Frederick Keel); (c) O, Men From the Fields (Herbert Hughes) ..... Helen Lockhart (Contralto).

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra in an English Programme with Helen Lockhart (Contralto).

3. Orchestra.

4. (a) Ships of Arcady (Michael Head)—By Request; (b) A Funny Fellow (Michael Head); (c) Night-Fall at Sea (Montague Phillips) ..... Helen Lockhart (Contralto).

5. Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay — 'At The Black Dog'. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.

9 p.m.—Military Band Music.

Mirella — Overture (Gounod, arr. O'Donnell).....The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell.

Hyde Part Suite (Jalowicz): (a) Sunday Morning Church Parade; (b) Rotten Row; (c) On the Serpentine; (d) Around the Bandstand ....Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Mill.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'World Affairs'. A talk by J. L. Brierly, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Tchaikowsky — Symphony No. 5 and other compositions.

1812 Overture....The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans.

Symphony No. 5 In E Minor, Op. 64 ....New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

"Jeanne d'Arc"—Farewell, Ye Mountains....Maria Jeritz (Soprano) with Orchestra.

The "Sleeping Beauty"—Waltz..... Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Guest Conductor—Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

"Eugen Onegin"—Waltz..... Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Guest Conductor—Eugene Goossens.

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ACE... 3
KING.. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK... ½

North, Dealer
North and South vulnerable

	♠ — ♡ K 9 3 2 ♢ 10 4 ♣ A K J 10 8 6 5	
♠ A Q J 9 8 6 5 ♡ — ♢ 9 3 2 ♣ Q 9 4	N W E S	♠ 7 4 3 2 ♡ Q J 10 7 5 4 ♢ 8 6 ♣ 7
	♠ K 10 ♡ A 8 6 ♢ A K Q J 7 5 ♣ 3 2	

Baron Von Zedtwitz

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♢	Pass
3♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	6NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The reason West simply passed at his first opportunity was that he had such a freak hand and knew he could bid later. Hence, we have the spectacle of West making his first bid at the level of six. The baron's six notrump bid was now made on the theory that he could not set six spades more than two tricks and that he would have a reasonable play for six notrump.

West opened the deuce of diamonds. Looking the hand over, the baron saw that he had ten top tricks and would of course make a Grand Slam if he either dropped the Queen of Clubs or finessed successfully for it. Accordingly, he won the opening diamond lead, laid down the Ace of clubs and when the Queen failed to drop, promptly cashed the Ace and King of hearts and the entire diamond suit. West, of course, discarded five spades, while East, endeavouring to make it as hard as possible for the baron, let go three hearts and one spade. The baron now led the deuce of clubs.

West played the nine and the Baron had one of his so-called "guess" situations. The fact that West's last spade discard had been the Jack was no guarantee that he did not hold the Ace Queen and three spot. Accordingly, an unsuccessful club finesse would mean down three, while if he played the King and the Queen failed to drop, he could throw West in with the club Queen and go down only one. However, the baron said to himself, "Why would West double six notrump with nothing in his hand but a long string of spades headed by the Ace-Queen-Jack? He must have some other possible trick." Accordingly, the Baron finessed the club and made his contract with an over-trick.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Campus Confessions", with Betty Grable and Hank Luisetti. It tells the story of a young college boy who runs into the almost insurmountable obstacle of his father's wealth in his attempts to achieve popularity with his fellow-students. How he is taken under the wing of Hank Luisetti, famed Stanford court ace, who has a major role in the film, and subsequently breaks down the barrier between himself and real friendship, makes a thrilling and entertaining film.

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AT THE STAR—"Captain January", bringing to the screen that wonderful child actress, Shirley Temple, who has the principal role.

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AT THE MAJESTIC — "I'll Take Romance". Selecting her numbers from grand opera, swing music and novelty tunes, Grace Moore offers her most diversified musical programme in her new film. Melvyn Douglas appears opposite the star with Stuart Erwin and Helen Westley in support.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA — "Crime School". How to-day's kids become to-morrow's killers! Might well be the title of this trigger action drama built round those six tough East Side youngsters who startled one first in "Dead End". Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Gale Page, Billy Halop, Bobby Jordan, Leo Gorcey, Gabriel Dell, Huntz Hall and Bernard Punsley.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Swing Your Lady". The highly hilarious romance of a black-smith belle and the dumbest wrestler that ever grunted on sawdust, further enlivened by some of the liltingest melodies of the year. Hailed by the New York press as "The loudest laugh of the season". With Humphrey Bogart, Frank McHugh, Allen Jenkins, Louise Fazenda, Nat Pendleton, Penny Singleton and the Weaver Troupe.

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AT THE KING'S—"You Are Only Young Once", with Lewis Stone, Cecilia Parker, and Mickey Rooney. A great drama of the love of a young couple and the drama of a household.

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AT THE CENTRAL—"The Prince And The Pauper."—Mark Twain's unforgettable story of the beggar boy and prince who changed places is now the most topical of films. Starring Errol Flynn, Claude Rains, Henry Stephenson, Barton MacLane and the Mauch Twins.

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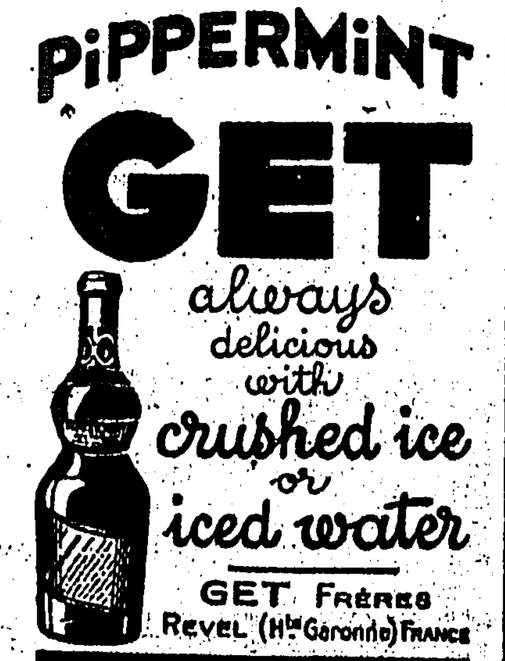

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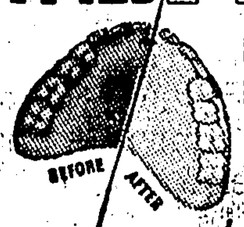

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Franco-German Peace Declaration

Paris, To-day.

Sensational reports of American newspapers and agencies about a forthcoming Franco-German agreement were described yesterday in diplomatic circles in close touch with the Quai d'Orsay as depicting a quite obsolete phase of Franco-German relations.

When the former French Ambassador in Berlin, M. Poncet paid his leavetaking call upon Hitler, clearness had already been established about the essentials of a Franco-German agreement.

Hence it is erroneous to treat as a sensation the fact that France and Germany desire a peaceable settlement of all European problems and want to make a joint declaration that there are no further frontier disputes between the two countries.

In diplomatic circles, it is declared that the very precise proposals of the French Ambassador in Berlin were first subjected to lengthy examination by authoritative quarters in the Reich, that thereby a delay arose in the deliberations and that this was further prolonged in France owing to the anti-Semitic measures in Germany.

NO CONCESSIONS

In main, however, the moderate rate at which Franco-German deliberations have progressed, is attributed to the care with which on both sides all questions under consideration were examined. It is desired that the present French frontiers should be secured by the Franco-German agreement without colonial concessions being made.

The new French Ambassador, M. Coulondre, will leave for Berlin during the coming week-end with the French proposals clearly defined.—Trans-Ocean.

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS

London, To-day.

"No," said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. I. C. Hannah (Conservative) asked whether the Government was satisfied with the Japanese reply in July regarding the effect of Japanese reorganisation of the Peiping-Mukden and other North China railways upon British rights and interests therein.

Mr. Butler added that Sir Robert Craigie (the Ambassador in Tokyo) had made further representations on Sept. 3 urging the restoration of British rights arising from the Agreements of 1888 and 1902.

A Japanese reply was still awaited. — Reuter.

MYSTERY JUNK WITH EUROPEANS STRANDED

Tokyo, To-day.

Speculation is rife here regarding the identity of foreign members of the crew of a junk reported to have been stranded on the Pescadores in the Formosa Channel and taken to the nearby Island of Mako.

According to the report, which comes from Taihoku, there were seven Europeans and one European woman aboard, but no indication of their identity is forthcoming. — Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Ursula Lloyd, the New Zealand aviatrix, who has been reported as planning a junk trip, told the "China Mail" at a local Hotel this afternoon that "very plainly the report had no reference to her."

It is also learned that Mr. J. A. Peterson, also planning a junk trip, with a number of Australian friends, is still in Hong Kong.

LIUCHOW BOMBED SAVAGELY

Wuchow, To-day.

Liuchow, important city in central Kwangsi, was turned into a raging inferno yesterday by incendiary bombs rained indiscriminately by 21 Japanese planes in relays.

For hours columns of smoke and fire shrouded the city. Rows of shops and civilian houses in the crowded parts were quickly consumed in the spreading conflagration.

The streets were littered with charred and mutilated bodies and smouldering ruins.

The raiders dumped at least 100 explosive and incendiary bombs causing huge fires, which spread in all directions.—Central News.

FRENCH HOPE OF NATIONAL GOVT. DASHED

Paris, To-day.

Any idea of a national government in France in the near future was nipped in the bud by the unanimous declaration of the Congress of the Republican Federation, the largest Right Wing group in the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday.

The declaration refuses to "either support or participate in any other party maintaining contact with the Communists."

The resolution also congratulated the party leaders for having barred the way in March this year to formation of the so-called Ministry of National Union, which was "destined only to save the Popular Front and instal Communists in the Government councils." — Reuter.

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